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BRING YOUR BEST TO THE 1983 HARVEST SHOW

Come join members of the Community Gardens Harvest Show Competitive Classes Committee who have been busy in recent months planning for the Show. They are *Sharon Turner, Ruth Flounders, Frank Keiser, Willie Mae Bullock, Jessie Carter, Blanche Epps, Charles Evers, Hazel Felton, Deborah Geisler, Louise Mathis* and *Almina Smelley.*

This year's Harvest Show, on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th will be held again at FAIRMOUNT PARK'S HORTICULTURE CENTER. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under 12.

The Community Gardeners' Competitive Classes, sponsored by PHS' PHILADELHIA GREEN Program and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program, is a main event in this year's Show, with the finest vegetables, flowers, harvest tables, baked goods, scarecrows and window boxes from all over the city.

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The Community Gardeners' Harvest Party will be hopping Saturday night, September 24th, from 6 to 8:30 PM. Only those with Harvest Party tickets will be admitted free to the party. We hope you all come!

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Special Children's Activities, 1 to 4 PM, Both Days. The CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES TENT features pumpkin painting and crafty creature-making contest.

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There's Still Time to Register. Let us know you plan to enter the Harvest Show competitive classes - just send in your garden's registration form TODAY. Call if you need an extra Harvest Show Registration Form - 625-8280.

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BRING YOUR BEST TO THE 1983 HARVEST SHOW (CONTINUED)

Each competitive class requires a specific number of vegetables or flowers. If you have less than the number needed, combine the best of all for a collection of at least 5 different vegetables in BOUNTY BY THE BASKET Classes 69 through 75 or a collection of flowers in FLORAL BOUNTY Class 77.

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Remember too that even those unregistered entries (except Harvest Tables, Baked Goods, and Window Boxes) are welcomed at Harvest Show Registration.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HARVEST SHOW OR PARTY?
CALL ALEXANDRA OR DENISE AT 625-8280.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE HARVEST SHOW

1) All Community Gardens Competitive Class entries are to be made on Thursday, September 22nd, between 5 and 8 PM, or Friday, September 23rd, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:30, FRIDAY MORNING.
NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

2) All Show entries must be grown in a Community Garden or on a Garden Block.

3) All entries in the Community Gardens Competitive Classes must be made in the name of the Community Garden or Garden Block except for Preserved Product Classes 2 through 54 (see page 20 in the Harvest Show Booklet.)

4) Only one entry per garden will be accepted in all Competitive Classes except Section E (Container Grown Vegetables, Fruits and Annuals) and Section L (Herbs).

5) You can earn more points with the variety names; bring seed packets or markers for the crops you'll exhibit so you can write the names on the entry tags.

6) Containers for all FLOWER and GREENS classes will be provided by PHS.

7) Containers used for HERBS, COLLECTIONS OF VEGETABLES and HARVEST TABLE Classes must be provided by exhibitors. Mark the bottom of each container with name, garden and phone number.

8) Entries in the CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS Classes 86 to 110 must be displayed in the containers in which they've been grown.

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GENERAL RULES (CONTINUED)

9) Any entry that wilts during the two-day Show will be removed. Ribbons on winning entries will be saved for pick-up by exhibitors.

10) All exhibitors will receive special buttons at Show registration so they can remove their entries on Sunday, September 25th, between 5:30 and 6 PM.

11) NOTHING MAY BE REMOVED BEFORE 5:30 SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Exhibitors are responsible for safeguarding their exhibits from 5 until 5:30 PM.

12) All entries must be claimed by 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 26th. Ribbons on remaining entries will be mailed to the Garden Chairperson.

13) Come prepared on Sunday. Bring bags or boxes to carry your entries home.

A WELCOME TO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Due to the phasing out of the Department of Recreation's NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS Program, representatives of thirty-one vest pocket parks, begun with the help of the Department of Recreation and the Garden Club of America, have been invited to become part of PG. Each garden making the switch, would join us as an "independent" group, receiving the PG newsletter, invitations to all our activities and a chance to participate in our Garden Supply Service and Spring Plant Sale.

Garden Interns will be visiting all groups in September to welcome them to PG.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

PHILADELHIA JOBS IN ENERGY PROJECT (PJIEP) has a weatherization program, matching a no-interest loan from the gas works with several hundred dollars worth of low cost materials, and is available to low and moderate income residents. It's easy to spread the work about this weatherization program in your neighborhood. Just call PJIEP at 592-1774 and they will provide interns who will leaflet your community to inform people about this opportunity.

SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL

Alert Transporation Service (A.T.S.) offers a pick-up service between 7 AM to 11 PM for only $1.50 one way up to 4 miles from home. ($3.00 for more than 4 miles).

Just call A.T.S. one day ahead to arrange for pick up and return.
Phone 568-5995.

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

Friday, October 21st

1983 Community Recognition Dinner

6PM - Cash Bar opens
7PM - Dinner

Franklin Plaza Hotel
17th & Vine Streets

$15.00 per person

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: OCTOBER 7th.

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CONGRESSMAN GRAY TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

William H. Gray, 3rd, U.S. Congressman for Philadelphia's 2nd District, will be this year's guest speaker at the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Recognition Dinner.

WHEN? Friday, October 21st
Cash Bar opens at 6 PM
Dinner begins at 7 PM

WHERE? FRANKLIN PLAZA HOTEL
17th and Vine Streets

MUSIC BY: Butch Ballard and Band

TICKET RESERVATIONS: $15.00 per person
DEADLINE: October 7th
Get your reservations in early as seating is limited.

Would you like to win a load of soil, a wheelbarrow, a lawn mower, flowers and more?

If you're a top seller of dinner tickets, You'll be eligible for these prizes.

Call 625-8280 for flyers and more information.

NATURE'S MAGIC SHOW

Children, preschool through 12th grade, are the sole exhibitors in PHS' Junior Flower Show. PG Advisory Board members *Mary Lewis*, *Natalie Kempner*, *Donna Thorpe* and *Almina Smelley*, also members of the Show Committee, invite you to encourage your children's participation in the Show. The Show committee recently announced the winners of the Poster Contest:

First Place:	*Steven Green* Overbrook High	
Second Place:	*Querida Kennedy* Pepper Middle School	
Third Place:	*Leanne Edelmann* Middle Bucks Vo-Tech School	
Honorable Mention:	*Fred Brown* Overbrook High	*William Cruz* Sheppard School
	Jacqueline Flores W.G. Harding Jr. High	*Michael A. Murray* Overbrook High

Parents and teachers can obtain a Show booklet describing the many classes included in this year's Show by calling 625-8280.

Plan to come to **Nature's Magic Show.** It's sure to teach you a few tricks.

SHOW DATES:

Friday	November 11	noon-5PM
Saturday	November 12	10AM-5PM
Sunday	November 13	noon-5PM
Monday	November 14	10AM-3PM

LOCATION:

The Bourse Building
5th Street (between Chestnut and Market)

WINNERS TAKE ALL

Winners of the 1983 City Gardens Contest were awarded prizes for their wonderful gardens at a reception held on Tuesday, September 13th, in the Port of History Museum, Penn's Landing. Herb Clarke, TV 10 Weatherman and Contest Chair, congratulated all on their great gardening success.

POCKET PARKS

First Place	2400 N Colorado		
Second Place	1729 W Diamond		
Third Place	2402 N 19th		

SITTING GARDENS

First Place	2026 Glenwood		
Second Place	2463 N 20th Perth/Addison	2114 N 20th 1539 W Norris	2462 N 16th
Third Place	2714-16 Oakford 47 N Paxon	422 S 61st 5222-26 Parkside	1911 N 23rd 25th & Tasker

FIRST YEAR COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	1925-33 W Venango		
Second Place	31 N Vodges	2264-66 N 17th	
Third Place	427-29 Hewson	2009-13 W Turner	2421-27 W Boulton

SMALL COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	Callowhill & Robinson		
Second Place	1719-21 W Seybert 4600 Linmore	Hancock & Norris	1600 Natrona
Third Place	20th & Ogden 3301 N 21st	3951-53 Aspen	43rd & Ogden

MEDIUM COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	4310-14 Sansom		
Second Place	4245-49 Sansom	Penn & Greene	1518-20 Stiles
Third Place	4018-22 Powelton		

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WINNERS TAKE ALL (CONTINUED)

LARGE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	19th & Cambria		
Second Place	49th & Aspen Pearl & Conestoga	25th & Spruce	2609-13 Susquehanna
Third Place	25th & Reed	9th & Glenwood	25th & Dickinson

GARDEN BLOCKS

First Place	1400 S Ringgold		
Second Place	2100 Oakford	2100 W York	3300 W Cumberland
Third Place	2100 Titan 1400 S Colorado	3100 N Camac 2000 Manton	1800 N Willington 2000 Wharton

GREENEST BLOCK IN TOWN

First Place	1100 Snyder		
Second Place	2200 Oakford	1700 Ellsworth	2000 W Glenwood
Third Place	2100 Wharton	4100 Parrish	4700 Hawthorne

HARVEST SHOW NEWS

Results of the 1983 Harvest Show Sweepstakes will not be in until after this newsletter goes to the printer. WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE WINNERS IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE.

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

You still have time to plant before cold weather sets in. TREES SHRUBS and HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS such as *daylilies, wooly lamb's ears, chrysanthemums,* and *never dies* can be planted or moved to another spot in the garden at this time of year. The time is also right for planting BULBS like *tulips, daffodils, hyacinths* or *crocus.* When selecting bulbs, be sure they feel firm, like fresh onions. Store them in a cool dry place and plant them out as soon as you can.

PLANTING: Be sure to add a generous amount of well-rotted organic matter *(woodchips, shredded leaves or peat moss)* when preparing each planting hole. And thoroughly water all newly planted TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS and BULBS.

GET READY FOR WINTER

You've all been pulling good food out of your vegetable gardens for the past few months. When you've finally finished harvesting for the season, put something back into the garden before the weather gets too cold.

1 - **TEST YOUR SOIL** to find out what you'll need to add to assure good crops next year. Soil tests are $3 and are available from the Cooperative Extension Service, 5799 N Broad Street.

2 - **ENRICH YOUR GARDEN SOIL** with healthy garden refuse like leaves, grass clippings, stalks, and vines. DON'T USE DISEASED PLANT PARTS. Adding healthy organic matter to the garden keeps the soil crumbly and easy to work. Shread or chop these vegetable remains, spread them over the top of the soil, and dig them down about 6 inches.

3 - **ADD WOODCHIPS.** Sources for free woodchips are the PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY (call for information) or the FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER, located on Ford Road neat Strawberry Mansion Bridge.

4 - **PLANT WINTER RYE GRASS** this fall and turn it under the soil next spring.

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GET READY FOR WINTER

5 - **MAKE A SKETCH OF THIS YEAR'S GARDEN** to help remember what was planted where. Crops like corn and greens which use lots of nitrogen can be placed next year where beans and peas grew this year. Rotate cole crops like broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different spot to avoid damage from clubroot which stays in the soil for several years.

6 - **CLEAN ALL GARDEN TOOLS** and store in a dry place over the winter.

7 - **CHECK FOR THE TOOLS, SOIL AND SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED FOR NEXT YEAR.** Write them dowm now to remember what to order from the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Garden Supplies Service this winter.

AUTUMN LEAVES

In between your fall gardening chores, plan a visit to one of Philadelphia's many garden spots. There's lots to see at:

BARTRAM'S GARDEN (West Philadelphia)
54th at Lindbergh Avenue Telephone: 729-5281

The oldest botanical garden in America, started by John Bartram.

Open dawn to dusk
Free admission
36 Trolley from City Hall

AWBURY ARBORETUM (Germantown)
Chew at Washington Lane Telephone: 843-5592

Began in 1852 as a private estate; designed as an English landscape garden.

Open dawn to dusk
Free admission
SEPTA buses X and SH

AUTUMN LEAVES (CONTINUED)

MORRIS ARBORETUM (Chestnut Hill)
Hillcrest Avenue between Germantown and Stenton
Telephone: 242-3399

Another arboretum which started as a private estate.
Has fine collection of trees native to Asia.

Open 9 AM to 5 PM (except to 4 PM November to March)
$2.00 admission
SEPTA bus L marked Plymouth Meeting Mall to
Hillcrest and Germantown Avenues.

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA GREEN

We're excited about all the planting activity planned for this fall. A number of block organizations and schools are becoming PG garden clubs for the first time and we'd like to welcome them on board. Stop by and see what they're doing if you're in the neighborhood.

STREET TREE/PLANTER BLOCKS

5700 Cherry
1900 S Alden
4000 Reno
4500 Linmore
4600 Paschall

2000 Estaugh
1300 Germantown
3400 A Street

2000 Oakford
1300 S Colorado
1600 Titan

SITTING GARDENS

1965 N Stanley/
3000 Norris

2400 Opal
2600 Latona

1700 N Gratz

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Germantown High School

High School for International Affairs

VEGETABLE GARDENS

1500 Stillman
3700 N 15th
709-13 Brooklyn
5521-23 Hunter
3702-04 Hamilton

2309 Moore
2400 W Master
5200 Ludlow
1304 S 48th

1800 N Bucknell
4557 Pulaski
Unit Blk. Vogdes
4200 Viola

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Presents

THE 1983 JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

NATURE'S MAGIC SHOW

LOCATION:

THE BOURSE BUILDING
5th Street (BETWEEN CHESTNUT & MARKET)
Across from the Liberty Bell Pavilion
PHILADELPHIA

DATES:

FRIDAY	November 11	noon - 5 pm
SATURDAY	12	10am - 5 pm
SUNDAY	13	noon - 5 pm
MONDAY	14	10am - 3 pm

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

VOTE -- VOTE -- VOTE NOVEMBER 8th

Dear Community Gardener:

THE DINNER

I hope you were among the 400 people who enjoyed themselves at PHILADELPHIA GREEN's 1983 Recognition Dinner on Friday, October 21st at the Franklin Plaza. It was an event-filled evening, and the mood was set by the swinging jazz sounds of *Butch Ballard* and his band with vocalist *Justine Keyes*.

U.S. Congressman *William Gray* of Philadelphia's 2nd District lauded the achievements of the audience, and his perceptive observations underlined the impact of their accomplishments to the neighborhoods, and its people, and to the city as a whole. *Alta Felton*, *Dorothy Reisdorph*, *Florie Dotson*, and *Edith Wagner* were all recipients of the "Green Thumb of the Year" Award. A special Award of Appreciation was presented to the *Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd* for their outstanding support of PG over the last several years. PHS Executive Director *Jane Pepper* also presented an Award of Appreciation to *Mark Carl* who retired from PHILADELPHIA GREEN's work crew this summer. Certificates of Merit were awarded to 106 blocks and gardens at the Dinner for their successful on-going greening efforts. The evening's highlight was the guest appearance of that Washington top executive President *Ronald Reagan* and his bodyguards (a.k.a. *Hal Rosner*, *Lance Mason*, *Jeff Myers*, *and George Fernandez*) and the foursome's rendition of that hit song " I Want to Start a City Garden" (sung to the tune of "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted").

I had a terrific time at this year's dinner, and I want to especially thank the dinner committee, chaired by *Mary Brown*, and staff coordinator *Denise Flores*.

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GET OUT THE VOTE

On another note, I want to remind you that November 8th is election day. It is absolutely crucial that you **VOTE**! In fact, I suggest that you might serve your community well by knocking on doors during the weekend before and remind people to go to their polls and vote. Good gardeners know that when you sow the seeds properly, you can reap a successful harvest.

Blaine Bonham

Blaine Bonham

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Sponsor a Workshop in Your Neighborhood

Your community group can sponsor a Christmas workshop this December. All you need are at least ten interested people and a place in your neighborhood to hold the workshop. PG staff will do the rest.

Each participant will pay a $4.00 fee which entitles them to making one holiday decoration from fresh evergreens, ribbon and wire. All fees must be prepaid by **December 1st.**

There's a limited number of workshops available, so call ***Santa's Helper*** today at 625-8280 to arrange a date and time for your workshop.

Come on Down to PHS

We'll also have one Christmas workshop here at PHS headquarters on Saturday, December 10th. The prepaid registration fee is $4.00 per person which entitles you to make one project.

Space is limited so register now by calling ***Santa's Helper*** at 625-8280.

GARDEN INTERNS

It's been a busy year for the Garden Interns , what with training classes, plantings, community garden visits, workshops, and field trips. The year is coming to an end and we'd like to say how much we've enjoyed working with *Beverly Agard, Cindy Council, Gladys Davis, Blanche Epps, Ted Faigle, Martha Holman, Louis Soto,* and *Juanita Wooten.*

Applications are now being accepted for the 1984 Garden Intern Program. Anyone over 18 interested in the program can call 625-8280 before **November 15th** for more information.

WHAT'S NEW

George and *Linda Fernandez* were recently joined by their first child, *Eric Dean*, by far the youngest PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardener.

NATURE'S MAGIC SHOW

This year's Junior Flower Show promises to be a fun event. Just imagine what our budding horticulturists, from kindergarten through 12th grade, might create for such classes as *Fantasy Friends, Abra Cadabra, Amazing Creatures and Hocus Pocus.* On Friday, a magician will teach non-horticultural tricks starting at 1 PM. Come to the Show and see for yourself.

SHOW DATES AND TIMES:	Friday, November 11	1pm to 5 pm
	Saturday, November 12	10am to 5pm
	Sunday, November 13	12noon to 5pm
	Monday, November 14	10am to 3pm

** NEW LOCATION **

First Bank of the United States
3rd Street (between Walnut and Chestnut Streets)

HARVEST SHOW NEWS

As usual, everyone enjoyed the festivities at the Harvest Show. Many gardeners who came to the Party on Saturday night were elated by the ribbons they won. Sweepstakes winners were awarded gift certificates from J. Franklin Styer Nurseries.

LARGE GARDENS

1st Prize	4300/4310 Sansom
2nd Prize	56th & Haverford
3rd Prize	Friends of the West
Honorable Mention	3rd & Christian
	25th & Dickinson

SMALL GARDENS

1st Prize	Hope Springs
2nd Prize	3726-28 Brandywine
3rd Prize	1600 Natrona
Honorable Mention	1712-14 N 18th
	5301 Master

Community Garden bronze medal ribbon winners include 4300/4310 Sansom. 3rd & Christian and Schuylkill Park.

CITY PROMISES ACTION THRU THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOTLINE

Have a problem in your neighborhood that needs a solution? The City's Neighborhood Services Hotline gives community groups a chance to register their complaints by referring them to the right city agency. The Hotline also helps groups identify ownership of lots they want to garden.

To get some answers, call

MU6-5646.

FALL/WINTER GARDENING TIPS

WATER all outdoor plants thoroughly. This includes trees, shrubs, herbs, perennials, lawns and winter rye grass.

HOW OFTEN? Once a week for in-ground plantings; twice a week for container-grown plants.

HOW LATE IN THE SEASON? Water until the ground freezes in late December.

HOW MUCH WATER? This depends on the amount of rain we've had. Just make sure the soil can't absorb any more water before you stop.

WHAT IF IT GETS WARM AGAIN?

Whenever the temperature gets above 40°F, water thoroughly so your plants can't dry out.

MULCH is a 3 inch layer of woodchips, rotted leaves, newspaper or salt hay put on top of the soil.

WHAT DOES IT DO? Mulch conserves soil moisture and insulates the roots over the winter.

HOW DO I APPLY IT? Place a 3 inch layer around the base of each plant, about 3 or 4 inches out from the trunk or stems.

(more tips on page 6)

FALL/WINTER GARDENING TIPS (continued)

BULBS such as daffodils, tulips or hyacinths planted in fall will add color to your garden in early spring.

WHERE CAN I BUY THEM? Hardware Stores, garden centers, nurseries, mail order.

HOW DEEP DO I PLANT THEM? Plant the bulbs three times the width of each bulb.

Example: a bulb 2 inches wide will be planted 6 inches deep.

WHAT FERTILIZER SHOULD I USE?

A small amount of bone meal fertilizer, mixed into the bottom of the hole will produce good bloom next spring.

SHOULD I WATER BULBS? Bulbs need water to establish their roots. Be sure to water the area where the bulbs are buried and the water the area once a week.

THE GARDEN GOURMET

Community Gardeners whipped up some tasty treats at this year's Harvest Show. We will be featuring winning recipes over the next several months.

Let us know when you try them out.

1st Prize Carrot Cake - Charles Kelley - 56th & Haverford

2 cups flour
1 cup raisins
1 tsp salt
1½ cups vegetable oil
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp baking soda
2 cups sugar

Stir all ingredients together.

4 eggs
15 oz can well drained crushed pineapple
3 cups grated carrots
1 cup pecans

Add to sugar and oil mixture.

Mix together. Pour into deep tube pan. Bake at 325° or 350° for 1 to 1½ hours.

Topping

8 oz. cream cheese
½ box confectioners sugar
1 stick butter
2 tsp vanilla

Beat until fluffy, pour over cake, let cool.

1st Prize Sweet Potato Pie - Hazel Felton - 56th & Haverford

Boil 4 fist-sized potatoes until **very** soft. Peel. Mash

4 eggs
1½ cups Sugar
Mashed potatoes
½ stick margerine
2 tsp vanilla
1½ tsp. Nutmeg
1 can condensed milk

Combine all ingredients. Beat well until smooth. Pour into uncooked 9" pie shell.

Bake 350° until knife comes out clean.

Look for more prize-winning recipes next month.

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IN THE SPIRIT

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will host our annual Holiday Show during the month of December. Community Gardener ***Ruth Flounders*** is a major exhibitor. A visit to PHS headquarters at 325 Walnut Street will show you how to make many different kinds of decorations using evergreen and dried plant material.

SHOW HOURS:

Monday through Friday
December 1 through 31
9AM to 5PM

Saturday and Sunday
December 17 and 18
11AM to 4PM

CLASS OF '83

This year's **Garden Interns** will complete their one-year program later this month with all the pomp and circumstance the rest of the staff can muster. We'll be hosting a dinner held in their honor to congratulate them on a job well done! The interns are:

Beverly Agard
Cindy Council
Gladys Davis
Blanche Epps
Ted Faigle
Martha Holman
Louis Soto
Juanita Wooten

ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff sends special thanks to the eight retiring Advisory Board members who have volunteered their time over the past three years.

Willie Mae Dyches
Pennia Ford
Lucille Larrier
Frances Milburn
Minnie Morton
Emma Roy
Eleanor Robbins
Terry Williams

GLAD TIDINGS

The American Community Gardening Association will be sponsoring a first-time ever National Community Gardening Contest in 1984. Co-sponsored with *Glad Wrap and Bags*, the contest will award $1500 to a national winner and 12 other prizes to each of 8 regions. Each group that enters by **March 31** will receive a **free case of plastic trash bags.**

We know Philadelphia gardeners are the best so plan to enter the contest. Look for an entry blank in the January newsletter.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNES LIVE ON

POINT BREEZE residents were involved in a variety of gardening activities last spring. By this fall, it was clear that everyone had done a wonderful job in keeping the many plantings so beautiful in spite of the dry summer. The folks who worked on the 25 lot projects planted bulbs and received a special ***"Good Time Gardening Guide"*** prepared by PG Staff.

WEST HAGERT had its own share in the busy 1983 season. Their hard work paid off as winners in the City Gardens Contest. These folks are committed to keeping their corner of the city clean and GREEN and it shows.

GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

A FUTURE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Over the past 8 years, residents of the **West Shore Civic Association** have been turning their 8-block neighborhood very GREEN with window boxes, street trees, curbside planters and vegetable gardens. The first sitting garden was started last spring and plans are in the works for another one overlooking the Center City skyline. West Shore is located in Southwest Philadelphia just over the Grays Ferry Avenue bridge, between 45th and 47th Streets, down to Woodland Avenue. You'll know when you get there because it's beginning to look like a Greene Countrie Towne.

OIC PRESENTS AWARD TO GARDEN OF EATIN'

Alta Felton and her fellow gardeners in the **Garden of Eatin'**, 25th and Dickinson, recently received a generous cash prize from OIC. The Sol and Rose Feinstein award was given to recognize how beautifully the garden has been maintained, with a great variety of vegetables, flowers, shrubs and fruit trees. **Congratulations** on all your hard work, Alta and friends!

NATURE'S MAGIC SHOW

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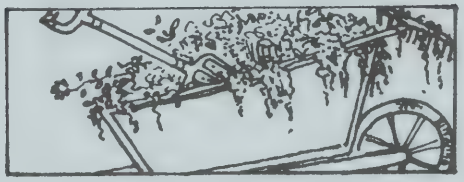
What could possibly have 16 legs, 8 eyes and 4 heads? Any one of a number of creatures made by students for this year's Junior Flower Show with a total of 1100 entries. We could see that the students had fun getting into the magical theme of the Show. Students from ***Smedley School***, one of the **Green The School Grounds** participants, created ***"The Enchanted Forest"*** filled with fanciful plants and animals made from natural materials.

CHADWICK CORNERS

We all know garden fever is catching. The folks on the **2600 block of N Chadwick Street** know it too. They've been planning a garden for the lot at the end of their block over the past several years and recently raised money to put up a fence and buy some shrubs, with technical assistance from PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Their neighbors on the **2500 block of N Chadwick** think its such a good idea that they're starting their own garden, right across the street from the first garden. That's garden fever! **Congratulations** to ***Chadwick Corners.***

FALL CLEAN-UP



Clean up diseased and insect infected leaves to prevent further spread next year.

Remove dead stalks of annuals, vegetables and perennials.

Clean tools and store in dry place. Grease or oil metal parts to prevent rusting.

PLANTS WILL REQUIRE WATERING FROM NOW UNTIL GROUND FREEZES IN LATE DECEMBER.

PREPARE FOR WINTER...

Mulch around all woody plants and perennials as soon as the ground freezes hard. Use a 2 to 3 inch layer of salt hay, fallen leaves, or woodchips.

Clear snow off shrubs during the winter months. Never do so when plants are covered with ice.

THE GARDEN GOURMET

We invite you to sample more of the prize-winning recipes prepared by community gardeners for the Harvest Show.

1st Prize Pesto Spiral Bread - Louisa McCoubrey - "Brick Yard Farm"

1 cup scalded Milk
2½ tsp. Salt
¼ cup Shortening
1 cup lukewarm water
Filling
2 Tbl. Sugar
2 pkgs. Yeast
5½-6 cups sifted Flour
Melted butter or salad oil

1. To the scalded milk add the sugar, salt and shortening. Stir and cool to lukewarm.
2. Pour water into a large bowl, add yeast and stir until dissolved. Add milk mixture.
3. Add four cups of flour, stir; then beat well, Add remaining flour and stir until dampened. Let stand 10 minutes.
4. Turn dough out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth, about 10 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, grease surface, cover and let rise in a warm place (80°-85°F) until double in bulk, about 45 minutes.
5. Punch dough down, turn out on a smooth surface and let rest 10 minutes.
6. Grease two 9"x3" bread pans.
7. Cut dough in half and shape each half in a ball. Roll each into a rectangle about ¼ inch thick and almost 9 inches wide.
8. Brush with lightly beaten egg and then spread the filling over it to about one inch from the edges. Roll jelly-roll fashion and pinch edges to seal. Place in greased pans with seam sides down.
9. Brush tops with melted butter or salad oil, cover with wax paper and let rise in a warm place until slightly higher in the middle than the edge, 50-60 minutes.
10. Preheat oven to 400°F.
11. Cut gashes in top of loaves if desired. Place in oven and bake 40-50 minutes. Turn out and cool on rack.

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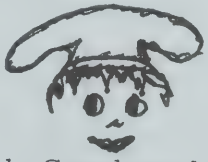
Pesto Spiral Bread - Continued

Herb Filling

2 cups finely chopped Parsley
2 cups finely chopped Scallions
2 tablespoons butter
3/4 tsp Salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Tabasco sauce to taste

1. Cook parsley and scallions in butter over moderate heat, stirring often, until thoroughly wilted but not browned. Mixture should be reduced to about half the original volume.
2. In food processor, blend 1 cup basil leaves, three tablespoons olive oil, 4 large cloves of garlic, ½ cup parmesan cheese. Add cooled herb filling. Blend until mixture is thick and evenly chopped together.



1st Prize Sour Cream/Herb Cornbread - Alexandra Basinski - "Manor Street" Garden

3/4 cup Yellow corn meal
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. chives
½ tsp. basil
¼ cup maple syrup, honey or sugar
2 tablespoons melted shortening
1 cup unsifted White Flour
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. parsley
1 cup sour cream
½ cup milk
1 egg, unbeaten
1 apple, cored and diced finely

Preheat oven to 375°

Place all ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat with a wire whisk until thoroughly mixed.

Bake in a 375° oven for 25 minutes or until done using a 9"x9" square pan or a 9" pie plate.

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PACKET

1000 SEEDS PG

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA GREEN Seeds

INTRODUCING

CHRISTMAS EXCLUSIVE

A NEW HYBRID OF...

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Planting Instructions:

Sow seeds evenly in ordinary city garden. Keep well-watered with smiles until germination.

Fertilize:

With good fellowship

Mulch:

With Peace, Joy & Love

Yield:

Bushels of Good Cheer to last throughout the Year

Garden Hints:

Have a Happy New Year Too!

A. VALLERY

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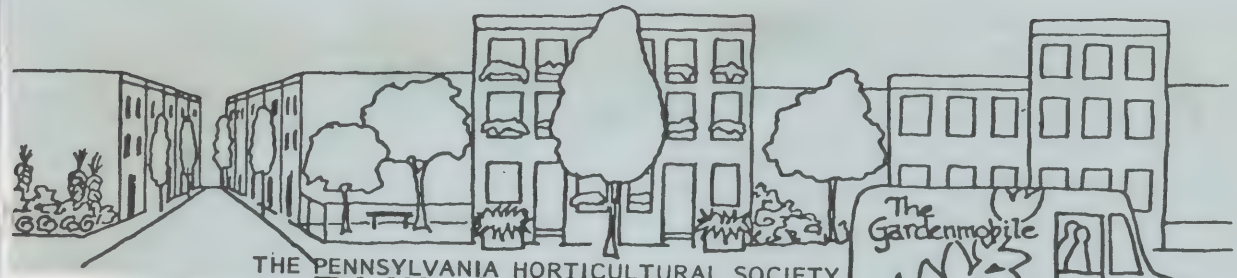

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PLAN A VISIT TO THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

While the success of last year's Flower Show exhibit may just be a wonderful memory to some, the PG Flower Show Exhibit Committee is busy cooking up another great concoction for the 1984 Show, called *"The Many Faces of the City Gardens Contest."*

Enlarged photos of past winners pictured in their gardens will represent the different categories: community vegetable and sitting gardens, individual flower gardens, rooftop gardens, childrens gardens and the greenest block in town. Committee Chair *Sharon Turner*, and members *Rena Ennis, Ruth Flounders, Natalie Kempner and Efrain Rios* are now working out the details for the exhibit and they extend an invitation to you to become even better acquainted with *"The Many Faces of the City Gardens Contest."*

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST

The American Community Gardening Association is a national organization of community gardening programs that local leaders *Blaine Bonham and Libby Goldstein* have been involved with over the past several years.

Community gardening groups around the country will be eligible to participate in a specially created contest with over $20,000 in cash prizes in 1984. It's designed to focus public attention on the important trend of community gardening, recognize the accomplishments of community gardeners nationwide, and encourage their efforts.

Cash prize of $1,500 will be awarded to a national winner; a first place runner-up and each of the eight ACGA regions will have $500 winners in the following categories: Existing Gardens, large and small; New Gardens, Honorable Mention Gardens. Up to a total of 12 winners per region. Each group that enters by **March 31** will receive a **free case of plastic trash bags.**

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I am interested in entering the ACGA/GLAD National Community Gardens Contest.

Please send me _____ entry packet(s)
(One packet per individual garden entry.)

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

MAIL TO: ACGA/GLAD Community Gardens Contest
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

GRANTS FOR YOUTH GARDENS

Gardens For All recently announced that it will award grant packages worth up to $450 each of seeds, hand tools and books to youth gardening projects. Applications are available by writing to Youth Garden Grants, Gardens For All, 180 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401. The deadline for completed application forms is January 15, 1984 so hurry!

WILSON GOODE A WINNER!

Our congratulations to *W. Wilson Goode* on his election as Mayor. We've got high hopes for a greener Philadelphia, and he's just the man to help us get the job done.

HOLIDAY GREENS WORKSHOPS

During the early part of December, garden assistants *Jeff Myers* and *Jeannine Vannais* and garden interns were busy running workshops on holiday decorations.

Amid piles of evergreens, ribbon, pine cones and plenty of good cheer, 175 people participated in a total of 12 workshops held in different Philadelphia neighborhoods. We were happy to see so many gardeners making Philadelphia GREEN even in winter.

Watch for announcements on future workshops in the coming months.

HOW TO KEEP CHRISTMAS GIFT PLANTS HEALTHY

By now, if you were given a plant for Christmas, such as poinsettia, Christmas cactus or amaryllis, you've been trying to figure out which window to put it in, how much water to give it and how to tell if it's a healthy looking specimen. Maybe you've looked in your favorite houseplant book or asked your neighborhood green-thumb.

Search no more for the answer. Just call the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's HOTLINE, 922-8043, from 9:00 AM to Noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Hotliners will be glad to help you find the answers you'll need to keep your plant thriving till next Christmas.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

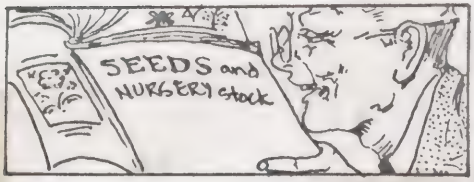
Neighbors from the 3000 block of Norris and the 1900 block of N Stanley, two adjoining blocks in Strawberry Mansion, discovered over the years how much more they could accomplish by banding together. Recently their cooperation really took root in their making of a sitting garden at the corner of Norris and Stanley, truly a centerpiece for their lovely neighborhood. The garden is called *"Good Neighbors."* Designed with split level terraces and raised beds, every brick in the garden was collected from empty lots around Strawberry Mansion.

Two weeks after the planting of their garden, they held a fund-raising raffle with the proceeds going toward a chain link fence and the garden treasury.

You might ask what's next? Well the large lot at the corner of 31st and Norris looks to be just the right size for a vegetable garden. So come on out next summer when even *"Better Neighbors"* will be working together in Norris and Stanley.

HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR WINTER

ORDER SEED CATALOGS



The companies listed below will send you a free catalog if you mail them a post card with your name and address.

Call our office for a more complete list of seed companies.

VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

Burpee Seed Company
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974

Johnny's Selected Seeds
200 Foss Hill Road
Albion, ME 04910

John Harris Company, Inc.
12 Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

George W. Parks Seed Co.
155 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Vermont Bean Seed Co.
Garden Lane
Bomoseen, VT 05732

PERENNIALS

Wayside Gardens
18 Garden Lane
Hodges, SC 29695

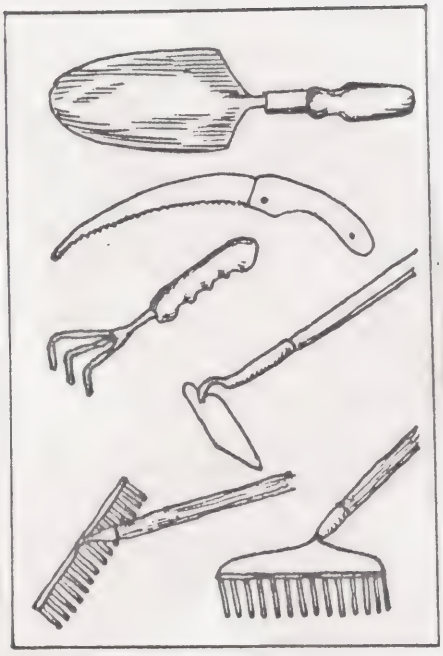
White Flower Farm
Litchfield 1070
Connecticut, 06759-0050

Jackson & Perkins
71 Rose Lane
Medford, OR 97501

FRUIT

Stark Bros.
Nurseries and Orchards Co.
Dept. J199CB
Louisiana, MO 63353

HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR WINTER



Check tool supply for replacements needed.

Water outdoor plants when temperatures rise above 32°F.
!! IMPORTANT !!

Order vegetable and flower seeds.

PG GARDENERS SERVICES

Just a reminder to all PG Gardeners. You can purchase a variety of tools and other garden supplies through the **GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE** as well as annuals and vegetables through our **SPRING PLANT SALE**. Order blanks for these services will be mailed out in March. In the meantime, start checking your lists so you know what you'll need when the time comes.

HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR WINTER

FREE COMPOST AND WOOD CHIPS

Fairmount Park Recycling Center at Ford Road and Chamounix Drive (near West Park Hospital). Compost recipe is 1/3 wood chips, 1/3 manure, 1/3 leaves - a real garden delight!!!! For information and directions call MU6-1766 Ext. 81-271.

WOOD CHIPS - FREE

Wood chips are suitable for immediate use as a mulch, or may be composted for a season then used as organic filler, dug into the garden. When chips are used fresh a Nitrogen fertilizer should be added. (20-1-1)

SOURCES:

Philadelphia Electric Company -
Call 841-4000 for more information

Abrorists and Tree Surgeons -
See your Yellow Pages

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST

How to be a winner in the ACGA National Community Gardens Contest: It starts with winning a **case of plastic trash bags,** a bonus for any community garden. Return the form below to request your contest packet. **Return** the contest **packet** by **March 31st** and if you're among the **first 500 entrants**, you will win a case of plastic trash bags.

This National Community Gardening Contest is the first of its kind with lots of prizes. Cash prize of $1,500 will be awarded to a national winner; a first place runner-up and each of the eight ACGA regions will have $500 winners in the following categories: Existing Gardens, large and small; New Gardens, Honorable Mention Gardens. Up to a total of 12 winners per region.

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ORGANIZATION_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

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THE 1984 GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

It's winter and Christmas ho-ho's have turned into February ho-hum's. The only thing that seems to keep us going these days are dreams of all the great stuff we'll be planting in our gardens come spring.

But cheer up! This year's **GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE** will help turn your garden dreams into garden greens. So be on the lookout for the group order forms which will be mailed in late February. You as block captain or garden chair will be getting the only forms for your whole group so be sure to let everyone know you have the forms.

There are a few changes as part of the new improved Garden Supplies Service:

1) Choose between economy line of tools along with our regular line of quality products.

2) The order period has been extended until May 31st instead of early March, with the time period for pick up of orders extended through the end of June.

3) Any group orders over $100 will be awarded gift certificates for more garden supplies.

4) The largest group order will be awarded a special top prize.

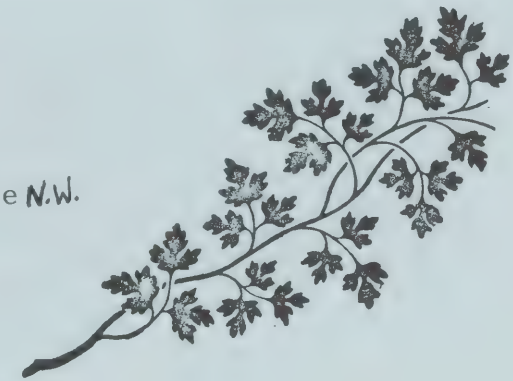
YOU CAN HELP SAVE A COMMUNITY GARDEN!

The 63 families at the Southwark/Queen Village Community Garden, the site of a Penn State URBAN GARDENING PROGRAM demonstration garden, have been farming their three-quarter acre site since 1976. The site is owned by the Federal Government's General Services Administration, who now wants to sell it for development. *James Brightman* and *Cynthia Lafferty*, members of the garden's acquisition committee, are asking community garden captains to help them save their garden.

Mayor Goode is requesting from the Government that the land be given to the US Department of Interior, which has agreed to then give it to the City of Philadelphia's Department of Recreation to be set aside as a park. To help preserve this open space, Brightman and Lafferty would like you to write to the person listed below and request that the land be given to the Department of Interior and then to the City of Philadelphia to be a park. They ask you to mention how important gardens are to city neighborhoods. Their suggested deadline is February 10th.

Send letter to:

Josiah A. Muss
Executive Director
Property Review Board
4970 E O B
17th & Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20501



PHILADELPHIA GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

A new year has rolled around, almost before we knew it. A number of PG gardeners anxious to get to work again have joined the Advisory Board to help us keep the program in good-growing condition. We'd like to join *Willie Mae Bullock*, Advisory Board Chair in welcoming them:

Wilhelmina Bradshaw
Bob Clement
Joanne Fishburn
Nancy Grove
Robert Hunter
Richard Krasner
Stephen Perzan
Rhea Shils
Mary Butler
Susan Evans
Rodnell Griffin
Marlene Hilkowitz
Dave Kipphut
Vernoca Michael
Dorothy Riesdorph

GARDEN INTERNS

Winter is always a good time to learn something new about gardening. That's especially true for the new interns who started their training program in late January. You'll be hearing more from and about them as time goes by. This year's interns are *Brian Austin*, *Anna Graham*, *Randall Jones*, *Darryl Morgan* and *Kathleen O'Donnell* from West Philadelphia, *Julia Proctor* from South Philadelphia, and *Theresa McKelvy*, *Wynefred Postell*, *Richard Streeter* and *Earl White* from North Philadelphia.

FLOWER SHOW

You can't afford to miss the 1984 Philadelphia Flower Show. For the price of admission, you'll be off on a **TRIP TO THE ORIENT.** Bonsai, ikebana, Asian plants, tea houses are but a few of the wonders you'll see there.

A special treat for all PHILADELPHIA GREEN fans will be the PG exhibit called *"The Many Faces of the City Gardens Contest."* Featured will be some of our most avid gardeners - people like *Alta Felton* and friends from the **Garden of Eatin'**; the **Chinatown Community Garden**, the men's garden club from **16th and Cumberland**, *John Castagno's* Greenest **"1100 Snyder Avenue"** Block and the grand mural makers of **Norris Square.** *Sharon Turner*, chair of the exhibit committee, invites you to come along on a whole new Flower Show trip. It's the only way to fly into spring!

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN AROUND TOWN

NEWS FROM THE NORTH - Hal Rosner

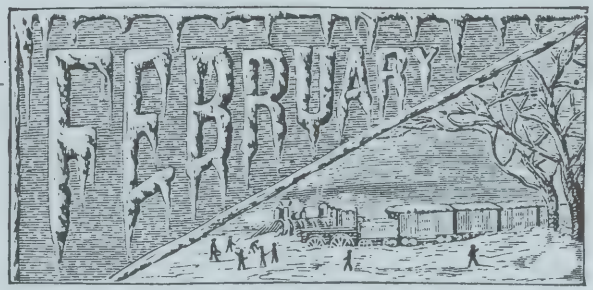
Rachel Bagby of NORTH CENTRAL PHILADELPHIA has begun working with PHILADELPHIA GREEN to pinpoint up to six vacant lots in her neighborhood as potential garden sites. Her organization, the Philadelphia Community Rehabilitation Corporation (PCRC) works on a number of community efforts such as a job-bank, housing and senior citizens. Ms. Bagby hopes to see every vacant lot and many blocks turning green in her neighborhood.

THE WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE finally landed in the Green Scene (PHS' magazine on gardening in the Delaware Valley) in an article appearing in the January-February issue. Since the Green Scene has a circulation of 9,000, a lot more people are going to hear about the greening efforts of the West Hagert neighbors and PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

NEWS FROM THE WEST - Alexandra Basinski

Catch the Spirit - Have a fund-raising activity in need of an audience? Planning an important neighborhood-wide meeting? Or just want to share more of the good news about what's happening on your block? The Philadelphia SPIRIT, a West Philadelphia community-based newspaper will give your group the publicity you well deserve. Call or write in story ideas to Mary Ann Pinkney at the Philadelphia Spirit, 5070 Parkside Avenue, 19131, 476-3144.

HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR



ORDER FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.

START SEEDS EARLY. By starting certain annual flower and vegetable seeds indoors during February and March, rather than outdoors in May, you can count on earlier blooming flowers and early harvest for vegetables.

You can sow flower seeds like *impatiens*, *lobelia*, *petunia* and *scarlet sage* or vegetable seeds like *beets*, *celery*, *leeks*, *lettuce* and *onions* all indoors as long as you have enough light to grow the seedlings. Put under fluorescent lights or place in east or south windows.

Check each seed packet for best indoor/outdoor sowing time.

WATCH THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE. Wind on a bright sunny day in winter can damage trees, shrubs and groundcover if the soil dries out.

When the temperature goes above 35°F and the soil thaws, keep your plants from drying out by watering thoroughly and deeply around each plant, whether in the ground or in a container.

ABBOTTS DAIRIES HAS A BEEF

Representatives of Abbotts Dairies contacted PHILADELPHIA GREEN recently about unauthorized use of their plastic milk crates by city gardeners. They claim the loss of millions of dollars in lost crates. Abbotts plans to take action to reclaim their crates, although we have no idea at this point on how they will do it.

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CLEAN-UP RALLY

Tell your friends you're all invited to the City's Clean-up Rally, set for **Saturday, March 3rd**, at the Philadelphia Civic Center, from 12 noon to 2 pm.

Look for us there in the Gardenmobile.

Let's all pitch in and clean-up Philadelphia!

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Take your friends on a TRIP TO THE ORIENT, **March 11 to 18** at the **Philadelphia Civic Center, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard.**

SEPTA will get you there, so call 574-7400 for bus information.

ADMISSION:	ADULTS: $6.00 CHILDREN (under 12): $3.00
HOURS:	SUNDAYS, 10 AM to 6 PM MONDAY thru SATURDAY: 10 AM to 9:30 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

April 2nd - Your $100 group order by this date will result in a $10 prize.

April 16th to June 29th - Orders will be filled

May 31st - FINAL ORDER DEADLINE

PLANT SALE

March 31st - Order forms mailed to you.

April 25th - DEADLINE FOR PREPAID ORDERS

May 9th - Groups from Northwest, West and South Philadelphia 9 AM to 3 PM

May 10th - Groups from North Philadelphia - 9 AM to 3 PM

WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Last month you heard about the recent Green Scene article featuring West Hagert. For a free copy, call us at 625-8280.

VOTE ON APRIL 10th

April 10th is the primary of the 1984 elections. Be sure to vote on that day to have your say on who is going to run in November.

MARCH

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

START PLANNING NOW for the ~~1984~~ HARVEST SHOW scheduled for SEPTEMBER ~~29 and 30~~ at the HORTICULTURE CENTER in Fairmount Park.

1. THINK about what did well in your garden last year and what you saw at last year's show to decide which classes you'd like to enter.

2. PLAN FOR A LARGE VARIETY of vegetables and flowers. For classes like HARVEST BASKETS, HARVEST TABLES and FLORAL BOUNTY you'll need a bunch.

3. SAVE SEED PACKETS or KEEP A LIST OF VARIETY NAMES. This will save time when preparing entry tags for the show.

4. Check with gardening friends to see what they are ordering; choose different varieties and offer to trade seeds.

5. ARE YOU A GARDEN GOURMET? Baked Goods entries are limited and must be submitted by July 1st. CLASSES: ~~Yeast Raised Herb Bread, Zucchini Bread~~, and a ~~Vegetable Cookie~~. For more information, Call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8280 (day time) or ~~Frank Kieser at 386-2313 (after 6 PM)~~

6. LOOK FOR MORE HARVEST SHOW TIPS next month on Challenge Classes, Planning for Canning and Harvest Tables.

list Challenge Classes limited quant

Purchase Seeds

BOY SCOUTS HONOR POINT BREEZE

The Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently presented Point Breeze with a national conservation award called Save Our American Resources (S.O.A.R.). This award was made in recognition of the tremendous efforts made by Point Breeze residents in creating their Greene Countrie Towne.

Although the award is usually made to a boy or group of boys, the Philadelphia Council saw **Point Breeze** as conservation in action. This, by the way, was the first time an inner city group was given this recognition.

Hooray for **POINT BREEZE!**

THE GREENING OF WILMINGTON

Recently *Willie Mae Bullock* (Chair, Advisory Board) and *Blaine Bonham* travelled to Wilmington to participate in a preview of the "Greening of Wilmington". It's a new city-wide greening project for Wilmington starting this spring patterned after our own PHILADELPHIA GREEN. We look forward to hearing more green news from our sister city to the south.

SPECIAL OFFER FROM VERMONT BEAN SEED COMPANY

If you order seeds or garden supplies from VERMONT BEAN SEED CO., you will be in the running to win your very own ROTO TILLER. Contest drawing will be held June 1st, so get your order in soon.

For a FREE catalog, write to:

Vermont Bean Seed Company
Garden Lane
Bomoseen, VT 05732

GARDEN TILLING SERVICE

(fee charged)

BENJAMIN BUTLER	879-8439
JOHN WILLIS	225-8475

"GARDENS FOR ALL" NAMES WINNERS

"Gardens For All" a national gardening organization based in Vermont recently awarded youth gardening grants worth $450 each to two PG projects.

1. SMEDLEY SCHOOL, part of the Green The School Grounds Program, is planning to set up a new vegetable garden this spring with the winnings, coordinated by *Dorothy Riesdorph* (Advisory Board member) and her group of student gardeners.

2. WOODROCK, INC., a Kensington social service agency that works with junior high school students will be using its grant for the on-going vegetable garden program, coordinated by *Louis Soto* (a 1983 Garden Intern). *JoAnne Fishburn* (a 1982 Garden Intern and current Advisory Board member) assisted in the proposal writing for the grant.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in both projects!

GARDEN TIPS FOR

WATER TREES AND SHRUBS

Thoroughly when temperatures remain above 32° F as long as there's no rainfall or melting snow.

CHECK TOOLS AND OTHER GARDEN SUPPLIES FOR NEEDED REPLACEMENTS

Then check the Garden Supplies Service order form for available materials.

START YOUR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Remove remains of last year's annuals

Cut off dead flower stalks (from last year) on perennials

START SEEDLINGS INSIDE

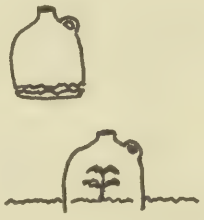
Vegetables	Flowers
Broccoli	Impatiens
Cabbage	Begonia
Cauliflower	Marigold

Make sure that all seedlings receive sufficient light and moisture.

PLANT IN THE GARDEN

Peas
Radishes
Spinach
Lettuce

Use plastic milk jugs (with bottom removed) for individual plants in case they need protection from frost.



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ACGA-GLAD NATIONAL GARDEN CONTEST

You can still enter your garden in the first-ever American Community Gardening Association's (ACGA) GLAD Garden Contest. Just send in the form below to receive a packet.

If you've already received a packet and need help in filling out the questionnaire, call Sally McCabe of URBAN GARDENING at 276-5182. Sally is our area's Regional Director for ACGA and will run the contest locally. Blaine Bonham, of PHILADELPHIA GREEN, is the Chair of the National Contest.

AND DON'T LET THE GARDEN PHOTO STOP YOU. Although you garden is barely growing right now, take the sign that's in your contest packet, fix it to the fence, and take a picture. This photo will serve as proof that you've officially entered the contest.

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ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2nd - Your $100 Garden Supplies Service group order by this date will result in a $10 prize.

APRIL 10th - VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

APRIL 14th - Garden Management Workshop
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street, 8:45 AM to 12:45 PM
(Call PG at 625-8280 for more information)
Door Prizes Awarded. Register Now!

APRIL 16th to JUNE 29th - Garden Supplies Service orders will be filled

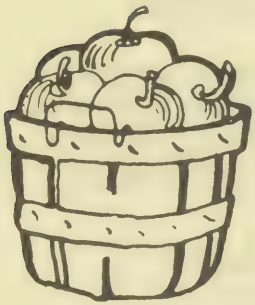
APRIL 25th - Plant Sale Deadline for Prepaid Orders

APRIL 27th - ARBOR DAY - Thank a Tree!

MAY 9th - Plant Sale Pickup for Groups from Northwest, West and South Philadelphia
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MAY 10th - Plant Sale Pickup for Groups from North Philadelphia
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Plant Sale pick-ups at Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.



HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

AN INVITATION TO ENTER THE 1984 CHALLENGE CLASSES

All Harvest Show Challenge Class competitors 1) receive the same seeds; 2) grow them on throughout the summer season; and 3) enter their best plants in the Harvest Show at the end of September.

This year's selections are all container grown, one plant to a container:

'Dark Opal' Basil
keep pinched back to produce bushy plant

'Thai Hot' Pepper
edible and very hot

'Happy Days - Happy Red' Marigold
start by mid-June

'Two Season' Chinese Cabbage
plant mid-July for Show

'Easter Hybrid' Ornamental Eggplant
plant early May for Show

If you'd like to try your hand at growing for the Challenge Classes, call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285 to get your seeds.

THE MANY FACES OF THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST

The City Gardens Contest exhibit at this year's Flower Show provided green inspiration to many city gardeners, with examples of community gardens, a children's garden, a green block complete with street trees and planters, a roof-top container garden and a rowhouse garden.

Due to the hard work of Flower Show Committee members *Sharon Turner* (Chair), *Ruth Flounders, Blanche Epps, JoAnn Fishburn, Mae Lanier, Alta Felton, Willie Mae Bullock, Natalie Kempner, and Haroldline Trower* who helped stage it, the exhibit was in tip-top shape for the judges who awarded a second prize ribbon to the exhibit.

We want to say a special thank you to the kids from the Norris Square Neighborhood Project for the two beautiful murals they created. Thanks also go to the hundred volunteers who staffed the exhibit during the Show, explaining the contest and answering questions. You did a marvelous job!!

The 1984 CONTEST ENTRY BLANK will be in the mail by mid-April. Avoid the rush. Send it back to us right away.

And remember, we'd love to have you be a part of the judging team, made up of 3 or 4 people. You'll judge gardens (other than your own) in or near your own community. Call Jean Byall at 625-8267 if you'd like to try your hand at judging this year.

SHARE-A-PLANT

This is a new feature in our newsletter. Every month, gardeners can advertise here to offer seeds and/or plants for free to other gardeners. Contact Patricia at 625-8280 if you have plants/seeds to share.

Gardeners from *Hope Springs* on the 2100 block of N 20th Street, will have a number of the following seedlings to share this spring:

- *Snow-in-Summer*, a 6" high, spreading, perennial groundcover, with silver foliage and small white flowers which bloom in May and June. Prefers sun. Tolerates drought.

- *Burning Bush*, a bushy annual plant, about 2 to 3 feet tall, which has pale green foliage in summer that turns red in fall. Prefers sun. Tolerates poor soil and drought.

Call *Sharon Turner* of Hope Springs at CE2-1230 to make arrangements for pick-up.

GARDENER'S BUSINESS

ROTOTILLING SERVICE (fee charged)

Benjamin Butler - 879-8439 John Willis - 225-8475

GARDEN SITTER (fee charged)

Planning a trip away from your garden? Leave your garden in experienced hands, specializing in all phases of maintenance except rototilling, cultivating and hauling.

Blanche Epps - 727-8903

FREE COMPOST

Cobbs Creek Riding Academy - Call 747-2300 for more information
63rd and Catherine

WEST SHORE - OUR NEWEST GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Since 1976, residents of West Shore Civic Association, a ten block area in Southwest Philadelphia, bounded by S Melville Street, Woodland Avenue, S 47th Street and Paschall Avenue, have been greening their neighborhoods with vegetable gardens, street trees, window boxes, concrete planters, sitting gardens, and a mini arboretum.

Over the past year, PG staff has been meeting with the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne (GCT) Planning Committee in order to develop an overall greening strategy, culminating in a special celebration in 1985. Committee members include *Helen Feggans* (PG Advisory Board), *Charlotte Donald, Loretta Fern, Marion Jones, Mattie Robbins and Lucille Washington.*

Plans for this spring include window boxes for all blocks, two tree block plantings, one sitting garden, a number of other vacant lot improvements and curbside plantings on several blocks.

Take a trip to West Shore and see what's happening in the newest Greene Countrie Towne.

GARDEN INTERNS

Our 1984 Garden Interns have just finished the first quarter of their year with PG. They've been learning all the basics on city gardening. Throughout the rest of the year, as part of their learning experience, the interns will attend monthly workshops and field trips to places of horticultural interest.

Starting in late April, the interns will be getting into the neighborhoods on scheduled planting days. They'll be meeting new groups and visiting lots of folks who have been working with PG over the years.

So keep on the lookout for the interns: *Brian, Anna, Randy, Terry, Darryl, Kathy, Wyn, Rick and Earl.* They're on their way.

GARDEN TIPS FOR

Prune dead or broken branches on trees (except for walnut, maple and birch) and deciduous shrubs that have already bloomed.

Divide perennials and replant clumps in other sections of the garden.

Plant cool weather crops (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce) out in the garden.

Start seeds of warm weather plants indoors by mid-April (tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, basil, marigolds).

Finish pruning evergreens.

Late April: Begin planting new woody and perennial materials.

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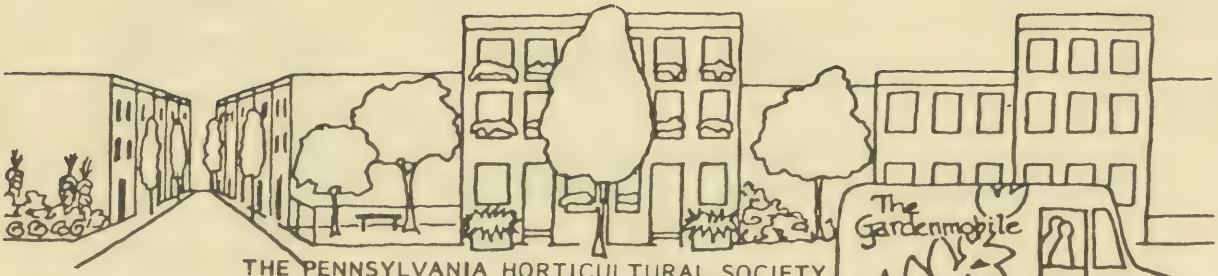

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CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

City Council will consider the refunding of PHILADELPHIA GREEN (PG) at hearings scheduled for early May. We thank all the PG garden groups that have been sending petitions and letters to their council representatives and at-large council members to let them know just how important the program is for Philadelphia. If you haven't sent in your petition, please do.

CALLING ALL NEW VEGETABLE GARDENS

It's easy to see vacant lots all around Philadelphia's neighborhoods just waiting to become productive vegetable gardens. If your group or any other you know is considering starting a vegetable garden, call the PG office at 625-8280 for an application.

GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

The final deadline for this year's Garden Supplies Service is May 31st. Be sure to get your orders in before that date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5th
1:00 to 3:00 PM — Workshop on SOIL TREATMENT:
Mulch, Cultivation, Fertilization
2523 Sergeant Street Sitting Garden
North Philadelphia

PLANT SALE PICKUP
Horticulture Center
PRE-PAID ORDERS ONLY

May 9th — Groups from Northwest, West and South Phila

May 10th — Groups from North Philadelphia

May 12th — Workshop on PRUNING
4666-68 Linmore Sitting Garden
Southwest Philadelphia

May 18th — Home-Grown Economy Workshop
(Sponsored by Institute for the Study of Civic Values) call WA2-8960 for more info

May 19th — Workshop on CARE OF PERENNIALS
1426-30 S Taylor Sitting Garden
South Philadelphia

May 31st — Garden Supplies Service deadline

June 10th — City Gardens Contest entry deadline

Terry

May

Germination tips

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Mulch — Nutrient →

TIPS FOR CONTAINER GARDENING

Since this year's CHALLENGE CLASSES are all CONTAINER GROWN, here are some tips to get you off to a good start:

April

- CONTAINERS DRY OUT QUICKLY, so expect to water every day - sometimes twice a day - in hot weather
- FREQUENT WATERING LEACHES SOIL NUTRIENTS, so fertilize once every one to two weeks. *Ruth Flounders* and *Frank Keiser* (Co-chairs of PG's Harvest Show Committee) use Peter's or Miracle-Gro at the package's recommended strength once a week
- ARRANGE PLANT CONTAINERS CLOSE TOGETHER. Leaves will shade the pots, helping to counteract the drying effects of the summer sun.
- SINK POTS (Clay) INTO THE GARDEN no deeper than up to the rim of the containers. This helps to retain moisture. Check each pot from time to time to make sure roots don't grow through the drainage hole into the soil.

Put in July →

- GIVE PLANTS ENOUGH GROWING ROOM. Repot plants at regular intervals to leave enough space for the roots. At maturity, all Challenge Class plants should do well in 8 inch pots EXCEPT EGGPLANT which will need a larger sized container.
- Call ALEXANDRA BASINSKI at 625-8285 for CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS.

Challenge Class Peppers planted

GARDEN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING recently sponsored our first Garden Management Workshop. Community gardeners served as panelists, offering their own points of view on such topics as management style, fund-raising, garden politics, motivating other gardeners, and planning of your garden's future.

The sixty people in attendance had a chance to air his or her problems with time for sharing solutions. Workshop participants are looking forward to staying in contact with each other to work out problems that might come up.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST WEEK

This year marks the 10th City Gardens Contest. *Mayor W. Wilson Goode* proclaimed the week of April 23rd as "City Gardens Contest Week" at a reception in his office attended by City Gardens Contest participants and members of the Contest Committee: *Herb Clarke, Willie Mae Bullock* (PG Advisory Board), *Alta Felton, Jim LaRosa* and *Barbara Truman.*

Last year's City Gardens Contest participants celebrated CGC week at two workshops: morning sessions on April 28th that included intensive vegetable gardening, adding color to the garden, container gardening and pest control; on May 2nd, an evening of solving design problems and developing new gardens plans.

COLUMBIA GREEN MAKES ITS DEBUT

Several neighborhood groups are starting the first community vegetable gardens in Columbia, South Carolina this month, with the help of COLUMBIA GREEN. This city-wide committee, (headed by *Marty Adams*, a local horticulturist there) has been established with the support of *Mayor Kirk Findlay* who is providing Community Development funds for the project. *Rab Findlay*, the mayor's wife, is another member of the committee. The *Findlays* and *Adamses* met *Mayor* and *Mrs. Wilson Goode* at the Philadelphia Flower Show in March and discussed the greening of both cities.

The COLUMBIA GREEN Committee has been in touch with PG for advice on starting community gardening projects and we're glad to hear they're off and planting.

PLANNING A HARVEST TABLE?

By planting more varieties of flowers and vegetables in your garden now, you'll have a better selection to use in creating a Harvest Table for the Show. Also, be on the lookout for unusual props, such as baskets or old garden tools.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

West Philadelphia and Northwest Philadelphia

Members of St. Benedict's Church Block Club (East Germantown/West Oak Lane) are planning window boxes and wine barrels filled with flowers and shrubs this spring. Residents of the following four blocks surrounding the church have organized with the help of *Father Steve Perzan* (PG Advisory Board): 1900 W Medary, 1900 W Chelten, 6300 N Opal and 6300 N Garnet. Planting is set for late May.

The next time you pass by the corner of 49th and Arch Streets, be on the lookout for a new sitting garden being developed by the neighbors from the unit block of N St. Bernard Street. It's bound to be a real show stopper!

WEST SHORE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE: The concrete planters are in place on Woodland Avenue, and the window boxes are soon to be filled with soil in the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne. Other hardworking committee members included *Irene Johnson*, *Charles Truxon* and *Wellington Holly*.

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Garden Assistant

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

Things will be even greener this year on seven blocks in the western part of North Philadelphia. Neighbors on these blocks will be planting more than 60 street trees from now through June.

2900 Susquehanna	2500 N Stanley	2600 N 23rd
2200 N Lambert	1400 N 30th	1900 N 23rd
2500 Cumberland		

North Philadelphia/West of Broad (continued)

Residents living on the 3300 block of N 21st Street started work on their sitting garden three year ago. They were already on the PG waiting list but wanted to get things going as soon as possible. After arranging for a free soil delivery, *Herbert Key* (block captain) and several of his friends spread the soil and planted grass seed. With a good stand of grass and a sturdy Rose of Sharon hedge in place, they've just developed a garden plan along with PG. This spring, their garden will be fenced and they'll add more plants, benches and a picnic table. When you're in the neighborhood, take a look. You'll be impressed by the work done by this group of energetic gardeners.

Harold Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Garden Assistant

South Philadelphia and North Philadelphia/East of Broad

POINT BREEZE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE: Interested gardeners from the 24 lot projects planted last spring recently took part in several workshops designed to help them expand their garden plans. These gardeners will also attend workshops at 2 garden sites to learn about preparing a seed bed and planting trees, shrubs and flowers.

Members of the Senior Citizens Center located at Norris Square are planning a garden adjacent to their center, one they plan to fill with vegetables and flowers. If you're in the Norris Square area, be sure to stop by the 2100 block of N Howard. With all their gardening experience, this group of seniors is sure to make a beautiful garden.

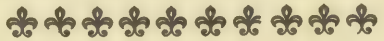
Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Garden Assistant

GARDEN PRESERVATION

The 9th and Glenwood Vegetable Gardeners, headed by *Grover Willis* (PG Advisory Board) and *John West* are exploring the possibility of acquiring ownership of their garden site. They are being assisted in this endeavor by The American Community Gardening Association and The Trust for Public Land, a national organization presently working on the preservation of open space in urban areas.

The 9th and Glenwood garden aquisition is a test case which, if successful, could become a model for other garden preservation efforts in Philadelphia and throughout the country. We'll keep you posted on further development about 9th and Glenwood.

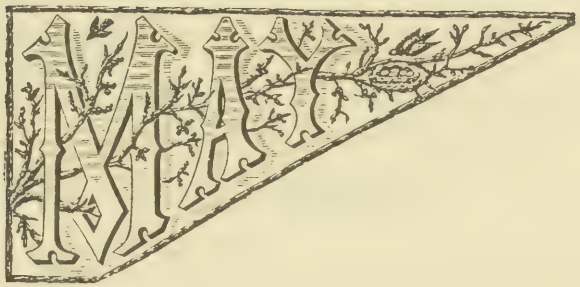


HELP A GARDEN SURVIVE

Here's some critical news about a community garden in New York City that needs our help. After six years of cultivation, the Clinton Community Garden in Manhattan is being threatened with extinction. The only way the garden can be saved is if the property can be purchased.

The Clinton Community Gardeners are inviting any of you to participate in their "square inch" sale. For $5.00 you can contribute to the saving of one square inch of their garden. Just send your check or money order for $5.00 (or more), payable to the Trust for Public Land, to:

Lisa Cashdan
Trust for Public Land
254 West 31st Street
New York, NY 10001-2802

GARDENING TIPS FOR 

1) Plant transplants of vegetables and flowers after last frost date (around May 15).

2) Check condition of mulch. If rotted down, get more from Fairmount Park's Recycling Center, Ford Road, near Strawberry Mansion Bridge. Call MU6-1776, ext. 81-271 for more information.

3) Clear mulch layer away from base of each shrub or tree.

4) Loosen soil around base of each plant, out to drip line (at end of branches).

5) Apply an organic fertilizer such as blood meal (nitrogen), bone meal (phosphorus) and wood ash (potassium) or a synthetic fertilizer (5-10-5 or 5-10-10) around the base of each plant and work into the top few inches of the soil without disturbing the roots.

6) Weeding: Make sure you have carefully identified all annual and perennial flower seedlings to avoid pulling them out along with unwanted weeds.

SHARE-A-PLANT

The gardeners at Summer/Winter Action Community Garden, 33rd and Race, have some flower seedlings to share including:

Coreopsis

- Grows about 2 feet tall
- Daisy-like yellow flowers, bloom June to September
- Prefer sun and poor soil, tolerates drought

Call Beverly Agard, 387-0341, to make arrangements for pickup.

* ——— *

Contact Patricia at 625-8280 if you have plants or seeds to share.

GARDENERS' BUSINESS

ROTOTILLING SERVICE
(fee charged)

Benjamin Butler	879-8439
John Willis	225-8475

ACGA-GLAD NATIONAL GARDEN CONTEST

You can still enter your garden in the first-ever American Community Gardening Association's (ACGA) GLAD Garden Contest. Just send in the form below to receive a packet.

If you've already received a packet and need help in filling out the questionnaire, call Sally McCabe of URBAN GARDENING at 276-5182. Sally is our area's Regional Director for ACGA and will run the contest locally. Blaine Bonham, of PHILADELPHIA GREEN, is the Chair of the National Contest.

AND DON'T LET THE GARDEN PHOTO STOP YOU. Although your garden is barely growing right now, take the sign that's in your contest packet, fix it to the fence, and take a picture. This photo will serve as proof that you've officially entered the contest.

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Please send me ____ entry packets for the ACGA/GLAD National Community Gardens Contest.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIL TO: ACGA/GLAD Community Gardens Contest
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST

It's prime time for the City Gardens Contest (CGC).

Deadline for Entries - June 10th

We've just sent out invitations to all community gardeners to join our judging teams. If you can garden, you can judge one.

Deadline for Signing On as a Judge - June 10th

We were happy to see so many community gardeners at the CGC Workshops this year. Glad you could come.

SUMMER HOURS

for the

PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Monday through Friday
(until Labor Day)

FROM THE EDITOR

Each spring, we gardeners share a communal sigh of relief. The cold, dreary winter is drawing to an end and we face the prospect of being knee deep in flowers and vegetables before too long. Of course each year we experience some craziness in the spring weather as we have recently, with lots of rain, delaying plantings or making second plantings necessary to replace rotted seeds or drowned seedlings.

The neatest thing about gardening is that each spring we can try something new - something we learned from our own experiences last year, or from a gardener friend or from a book we read during the winter.

If you've tried something new this year, I hope you'll let me know. I'd love to share it with the rest of PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

Patricia Schrieber

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10	-	Deadline for City Gardens Contest entries and new judges
June 15	-	Deadline for ACGA-Glad National Community Garden Contest
July 1	-	Pre-registered entry deadline for Harvest Show Baked Goods Classes 60, 61, and 62

NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST

Hurry! Hurry! You have only a few days to enter your garden in the ACGA-Glad Community Gardening Contest.

Deadline: June 15th

Any community garden where at least half the space is devoted to growing vegetables is eligible to enter. If you haven't yet received your kit, call us at 625-8280 and we'll send you one. Have questions about the contest? Call Sally McCabe, URBAN GARDENING, at 276-5182.

SECURING THE LAND
The future of Philadelphia's Community Gardens

A Workshop for people interested in preserving gardens and other neighborhood open space.

June 2, 1984
(Saturday)
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
at Allegheny House
1415 Allegheny Avenue

Telephone 625-8280 for further information.

GARDEN INTERNS

This year's garden interns have been busy travelling through the neighborhoods this spring, assisting at plantings, delivering flowers, visiting newly independent groups and Neighborhood Parks. They will be continuing to visit blocks and gardens throughout the summer. Be on the lookout. You're sure to see them in your neighborhood.

Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program has prepared the following guides:

EARLY PLANTING GUIDE FOR PHILADELPHIANS

LATE PLANTING GUIDE

Call URBAN GARDENING at 276-5183 for your copies today.

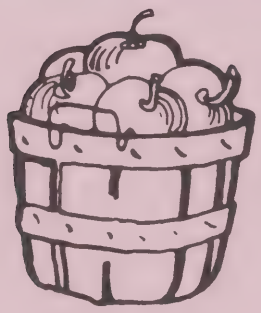
WORTHWHILE READING

Gardens For All has published two guide books for community gardens:

The Youth Gardening Book by Lynn Ocone talks about starting a youth garden program, from A to Z.

The Community Garden Book by Larry Sommers offers a well organized outline toward starting and maintaining a community garden.

Each book is available for $8.95 from Gardens For All, 180 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.



HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

We're looking forward to the 1984 Harvest Show!

WHEN: September 29th and 30th

Community Gardeners' Harvest Party
Saturday, September 29th - 6 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center

Ruth Flounders and *Frank Kieser*, Co-chairs of our Harvest Show Committee have put together some tips for you to try over the next few months, so you too can be a winner at this year's Show. Look for our Harvest Show Community Gardens Competitive Classes booklet in June for a complete listing of the sections you can enter. Plan to bring your best - anything from tomatoes and collards, marigolds and roses to your favorite home made relishes, jellies and wines.

HERBS

As your herb garden flourishes this summer, keep the Harvest Show in mind.

Herb and spice mixtures can be entered as "seasonings" in the Show's Canned Goods section. Here's one you can try.

Herb Mix for Chicken and Egg Dishes

One teaspoon each of dried crushed leaves of summer savory, tarragon, basil, chives and rosemary.

Herb vinegars can also be entered in Canned Goods Classes. They're easy and wonderful in salad dressings, stews and marinades.

Opal Basil Vinegar

(Pinch from your entry for the Challenge Class)

Fill quart jar three quarters full with white vinegar. Add Opal Basil as available. Keep in a sunny window until flavor is good and vinegar is a beautiful, ruby red color.

TIPS FOR HARVESTING HERBS

1) In general, herbs are most flavorful before flowering, yet some herbs such as oregano and mint, if allowed to flower, can be used in wreaths or arrangements.

2) Gather before sun is strong, tie ends and dry upside down in bunches in a dark place with good air circulation until the leaves are crisp.

3) Strip leaves and store in jars for cooking, or wrap in tissue and store for wreaths and arrangements.

4) Some herbs like parsley and chervil don't respond to air drying but can be dried on the **lowest** oven setting.

Herb classes will be listed in the Harvest Show booklet and include fragrant, culinary, and dried herbs. **A list of common names is required for each entry.** Botanical names increase the chances of winning a blue ribbon or eligibility for the bronze medal. Call *Ruth Flounders* at 386-5091 for help in identifying an herb or finding the right botanical name.

PRESERVED PRODUCTS

To help with your favorite jams, relishes, or pickles, here's WHAT THE JUDGES LOOK FOR:

Quality: Clearness of liquids
Perfection of materials

Flavor: Jars may be opened by judges for tasting

General Appearance: Uniformity of products, color, arrangement in jar

Containers: Appropriate clear glass containers, Suitable labels

- All canned products must be heat sealed in a hot water bath or pressure canner.
- Entries must be processed by (but need not be grown by) exhibitor

Frank Kieser - co-chair of PG's Harvest Show Committee sent us his favorite Strawberry Preserves recipe (makes 9 - ½ pints):

Ingredients:

3 quarts of Strawberries
1 pkg. powdered fruit pectin
½ cup drained, crushed pineapple
7 cups of Sugar

Cooking Instructions
for Strawberry Preserves
(on next page)

Cooking Instructions:

- Wash and hull berries - then slice or halve them
- Add pineapple and pectin
- Heat and stir over high heat to full rolling boil
- Stir in sugar and bring to rolling boil again
- Boil 2 minutes and remove from heat
- Stir and skim for 5 minutes (keeps fruit from floating)
- Ladle into hot ½ pint jars and
- Process in boiling water bath for 5 minutes

THE GARDEN GOURMET (BAKED GOODS)

Try your hand at one of the following categories and you may be declared the Garden Gourmet of the Year. All entries must be pre-registered by July 1st. You must include your recipe with pre-registration.

Herb Bread - 1 loaf - Must be yeast raised

Zucchini Bread - 1 loaf

Vegetable Cookies - 1 dozen

Frank Kieser's Carrot Drop Cookies

(you can substitute beets or squash for carrots)

1 egg
1/2 cup cooking oil
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup flour
2/3 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp grated orange peel
1/2 cup cooked carrots

- pre-heat over to 350°
- beat egg then add cooking oil, sugar and beat well
- add flour, baking powder, salt, orange rind and carrots
- mix until evenly moist
- drop from teaspoon on to greased cookie sheet
- bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

West and Northwest Philadelphia

Three cheers for *Rena Ennis* and the Black Oak Park Beautification Committee. Their efforts continually beautify Black Oak Park. This month they are adding more plantings at all the entrances to the park.

The residents of the Unit block of N Conestoga will be creating a gem of a garden on their block this month. Another June happening: Germantown neighbors are cooperating on a combination vegetable/sitting garden at the northeast corner of Clearview and Washington Lane, with another garden close by at 5670 Morton Street.

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Garden Assistant

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

The folks from the 3200 Block of N 27th Street are currently involved in an all-out effort to green up their neighborhood. Actually, they live on an unusual block, already park-like with large oaks and lindens, as well as yews and hollies in a planting strip 20 feet wide running down the center of the street, the full length of the block. Staff will be working with them to revive the area with a selection of hardy shrubs, flowers and groundcover.

West Hagert Greene Countrie Towne

Dorsha Mason, *Donna Thorpe*, *Geraldine Cade* and other members of the West Hagert Greene Countrie Towne (GCT) Committee recently hosted a luncheon honoring Velma Goode, the Mayor's wife, and local politicians who have supported this community's efforts. The West Hagert GCT looks forward to another flourishing growing season.

Harold Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Garden Assistant

North Philadelphia/East of Broad and South Philadelphia

North Philadelphia, East of Broad, is bustling with greening activity, with nine new vegetable gardens and six new garden blocks.

Vegetable Gardens:

1229-31 N Lawrence
921 N 6th
1303-05 N 7th
A & Indiana
924-30 N Leithgow
2420-24 N Delhi
Norris Square Sr. Center
621-25 W Diamond
946-48 N American

Garden Blocks:

2100 N 4th
4900 N Camac
2700 Helen
4700 N Camac
4900 Duffield
4500 N Warnock

Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne

The U.S. Conference of Mayor's is being held in Philadelphia June 15th - 19th. PHILADELPHIA GREEN and the Point Breeze Beautification Committee have invited the Mayor's spouses to tour Point Breeze on Monday, June 18th. Those on the tour will participate in the rededication of the Wedding Garden at 19th and Dickinson. *Mrs. Velma Goode* (our Mayor's spouse) will host the ceremony renaming it the "Garden of the Cities."

Alta Felton and *Rena Ennis* who garden in "The Garden of Eatin' " at 25th and Dickinson recently became Celebrities when T.V.'s Channel 10 cameras caught them planting some of their crops in early May. As many of the TV audience saw, a visit in-person to their garden is well worth a trip from any part of Philadelphia.

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Garden Assistant

GARDENING TIPS FOR

1. Clear weeds out of all planting areas.

2. Make sure there's a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch around plants. Mulch helps KEEP SOIL MOIST AND COOL and PREVENTS WEED GROWTH - a great bonus for the summer months.

   When fresh chips are used, add a nitrogen fertilizer (20-1-1) like blood meal.

   FREE WOODCHIPS AND COMPOST

   Fairmount Park's Recycling Center, Ford Road near Chamounix Drive (near West Park Hospital). Open from 9 AM to 3 PM, weekdays only. For information and directions, call MU6-1776, extension 81-271.

3. Establish a regular maintenance schedule.

4. Prune maples, birches and walnuts. These trees are pruned late since they are spring bleeders (running sap).

5. Remove bulb foliage only AFTER YELLOWING.

6. Prune flowering shrubs after blooming.

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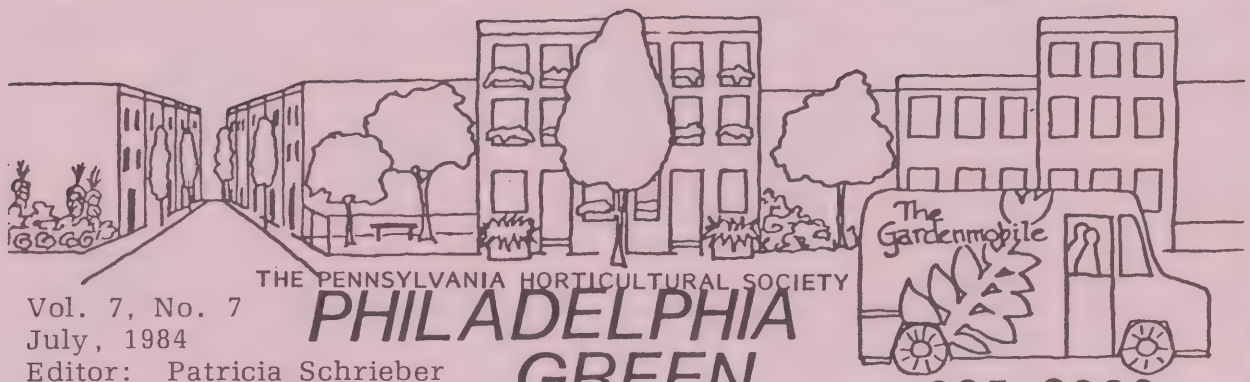

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FROM THE EDITOR

Ready, set, grow! We may have had a slow start because of cold, rainy spring weather, but everything seems to be catching up. Check out the gardening tips on the last pages of this issue for some time-saving hints.

For all of you entering the City Gardens Contest and any finalists in the ACGA National Contest, good luck!

Patricia Schrieber

CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

We'd like to say thanks to all those PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners who came to the City Council hearings on June 18th, showing support for our request for renewed city funding. We'll let you know the outcome as soon as we hear from Council.

Some of the gardening groups represented at the hearings were **Point Breeze, West Shore, Strawberry Mansion, Francisville, West Hagert, Chinatown and Norris Square.** Green The School Grounds teachers and students came from **Smedley and Franklin Learning Center.**

TAILGATE MARKET

(NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA FARMERS)

WHEN: Every Saturday
10AM to 2PM

WHERE: Marshall Street (between 6th & 7th)
South of Girard

IF YOU WANT TO SELL PRODUCE: Call Steve Hoffman
276-5183

Other Tailgate Markets

Fridays, 11AM to 3 PM
St. Cecilia's
535 Rhawn Street,
Fox Chase

Thursdays, 1 to 5PM
St. Martin of Tours
Roosevelt Boulevard and
Sanger

SCHOOL DAYS! SCHOOL DAYS!

Although school is out for the summer, students and teachers who are part of the Green The School Grounds Program will be busy with their gardens, keeping them in good shape through the summer months.

Recently eight schools participated in our second annual Maintenance Contest, showing our judges how much they care about their gardens.

ELEMENTARY

1st - Smedley
2nd - Smith
3rd - Meredith

HIGH SCHOOL

1st - Lincoln
2nd - Jones Junior High
3rd - Franklin Learning Center

HONORABLE MENTION

Masterman
Pepper Middle

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Watch the mail for your Harvest Show booklet. It's due to arrive sometime this month. Remember to pass along the information about the Show. YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON FROM YOUR CLUB TO GET A COPY.

If you'd like to work on a Harvest Table with other people from your garden or enter the Baked Goods Classes, remember that the pre-registered entry deadline is July 1st. So don't delay!!

Read over the Gardening Tips for July on the last pages of this newsletter. They'll help you keep your garden in good condition.

Remember you can still plant late crops for entering in the Show. Call Penn State's Urban Gardening Program at 276-5183 for a LATE PLANTING GUIDE.

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SQUARE FOOT GARDENING SAVES ON BACK-BREAKING WORK

Mel Bartholomew, who wrote the book and hosts the nation-wide public t.v. show on Square Foot Gardening, recently taped three segments for his show at the Garden of Gethsemane, 54th and Pearl, with garden coordinator and Advisory Board member **Blanche Epps.**

According to Bartholomew, Square Foot Gardening is an intensive gardening method by which you can get the most produce out of a small area with the least amount of effort.

The segments are to be aired in late summer on Channel 12. In the meantime, take a trip out to 54th and Pearl to see the demonstration Square Foot Garden plot.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

South Philadelphia

All over South Philadelphia, in King's Village, Point Breeze and Southwest Center City, neighbors are turning their blocks greener through a very simple method - planting shrubs in wine barrels placed along the sidewalks. Go see for yourselves on:

2000 Catherine
2400 Kimball
1800 Montrose
1700 S Ringgold
1200 S 26th

North Philadelphia/East of Broad

Two blocks in this part of town also planted shrubs in wine barrels this spring: 3800 N Darien and 3600 N 11th. They're helping to make North Philadelphia more beautiful.

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Assistant District Coordinator

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

Our Newest Greene Countrie Towne, Francisville is bounded on the south by Fairmount, on the west by Corinthian, on the north by Girard, with Ridge to Wylie on the east. Neighbors in Francisville have been involved with PG for many years with vegetable gardens, street trees, garden blocks and a sitting garden. This spring, residents on eleven blocks planted about 250 shrubs in individual wine barrels. The Francisville Greene Countrie Towne Commitee, headed by **Una Vee Bruce**, is making plans for even more greening projects over the next several years.

Harold Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Assistant District Coordinator

West Philadelphia

West Shore Greene Countrie Towne

June was busting out all over West Shore with street trees and vegetable gardens thriving. Residents of the following blocks planted flowers in window boxes and wine barrels:

1300 S Melville
1300 S Markoe
1300 S 46th
1300 S May
1300 S 47th
1400 S 47th
4600 Paschall
4500 & 4600 Linmore

The West Shore neighbors have also created a brand new sitting area on the west side of the railroad tracks. With the Donald Memorial Sitting Garden on the opposite side of the railroad bridge, West Shore boasts the most beautifully landscaped railroad in Philadelphia.

Congratulations go to the whole West Shore Greene Countrie Towne team, with **Charlotte Donald** as coordinator:

Mattie Robbins
Mac & Gladys Davis
Roland Wilson
Roxie Wimberly
Charles Truxon
Helen Feggans
Wellington Holly
Lucille Washington
Loretta Fern
Irene Johnson
Ruth Thomas
Marian Jones
Hattie Woods

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Assistant District Coordinator

GARDEN INTERNS

Darryl Morgan recently received a CITIZEN TOWN WATCH COMMENDATION from the Philadelphia Police Department for his active participation in his neighborhood Town Watch. Darryl lives in Cobbs Creek.

GARDENING TIPS

WATERING TREES AND SHRUBS

HOW OFTEN: For newly planted ones, every 3 to 4 days. The exact amount of water used depends on how much rain has fallen. Allow soil to soak up sufficient moisture for water to reach the deeper roots of the plants.
For established plants, water about once a week. Use the same procedure regarding the amount of water as with new plantings.

WATERING VEGETABLES, ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

HOW OFTEN: In some cases, these plants need more frequent watering than trees or shrubs. Also remember to water deeply and thoroughly.

WATERING PLANTS IN CONTAINERS

HOW OFTEN and HOW MUCH water to use depends on

1) the plant itself
2) the amount of sunlight and heat
3) the type of soil (SANDY dries out faster than CLAY)

Be sure to use enough water to reach the deeper roots. You can usually tell this has happened if the water flows out the bottom of the container. In hot weather, you may need to water containers as much as twice a day.

YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY - TRY MULCHING

MULCH keeps the soil moist so you can water less and helps keep down the weed population so you can give yourself a well-earned rest. Use a 3 inch layer of shredded leaves, wood chips or grass clippings.

MORE BLOOMS PER PLANT

You can have more flowers on your annual plants (the ones you replant each year) like petunias, salvia, marigold, and geranium. Just remove each wilted flower with its stem back to the next closest cluster of leaves and your plant will grow fuller and set more flower buds.

BUG ALERT

Don't let those nasty buggers get you down. If you spot bug or disease problems on your plants and you don't know what to do call 1) the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S HOTLINE, 922-8043, 9:30 AM to Noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday or 2) Penn State's URBAN GARDENING, 276-5183, for control methods.

Oftentimes, careful sanitation, such as removing damaged leaves, flowers and fruit as well as regular watering help prevent insect and disease problems.

When using sprays to control plant pests, USE CARE IN FOLLOWING LABEL DIRECTIONS.

STREET TREES NEED PROTECTING

One of the best ways to keep a street tree healthy is by building a fence around the edges of the tree pit. A fence prevents people from walking over the soil which keeps the soil loose, allowing air and water to reach the tree roots.

CITY GARDENERS' GAZETTE

Every contestant in this year's City Gardens Contest will receive a copy of the City Gardeners' Gazette, full of information and helpful hints on this summer's judging. If you haven't received your copy, please call 625-8267.

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PHILADELPHIA GARDENS AMONG FINALISTS IN NATIONAL CONTEST

The American Community Gardening Association announces that 36 semi-finalists have been selected among 130 entries in the Atlantic region which includes Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware. Fourteen Philadelphia gardens are among those semi-finalists chosen in three categories:

NEW

Norris Square NP Children's Garden
Kingdom Garden
Smedley School Summer Garden

SMALL

Woodrock
Royal Greene
Chalmer's Park Demo

LARGE

Eastwick
Aspen Farms
Garden of Eatin'
22nd & Montrose
Summer Winter Gardens
19th & Montgomery Garden Club
9th & Glenwood
3rd & Christian

Telephone interviews and final judging will take place through the end of August and winners will be announced in late September.

FROM THE EDITOR

We've been out to gardens and blocks all over the city this summer, seeing lots of exciting things. Groups that have been gardening for years are still growing strong. New projects, just underway, look like they've been there forever.

You can see some established gardens and new beginnings among those projects written up in the Neighborhood News section - places like 18th and Glenwood, 19th and Cambria, or Clearview and Washington. Take a break between your gardening activities to visit examples of older gardens as well, like the 18th century garden next to the Horticultural Society or Bartram's Garden in Southwest Philadelphia. It's great to be part of a gardening tradition here in Philadelphia that goes back more than 200 years.

Patricia Schrieber

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HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

ENTRY REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 27, 5 to 8 PM
Friday, September 28, 7:30 to 10:30 AM

DATES OF SHOW: Saturday, September 29, 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, September 30, 10 AM to 5 PM

COMMUNITY GARDENERS' HARVEST PARTY: Saturday, September 30, 6 to 8:30 PM

Register your community garden's entries for the Harvest Show. Just fill in the white form attached to the Show Booklet you received in June. Send it in to let us know you are planning to enter something in the Show.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THE FORM: September 10th

If you haven't received your Harvest Show booklet, call Betty at 625-8280.

1984 HARVEST SHOW FEATURES

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION: Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center on Horticulture Drive off Belmont Avenue

FREE HARVEST PARTY PASSES
(extras available for gardens making entries)

SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW CLASSES:

HARVEST TABLES: Pre-registration required. Limit of 10 tables.

PRESERVED PRODUCTS: You've already entered canned goods, wines and preserves in previous shows. Now you can make entries of MUSTARDS, SOAPS, ASTRINGENTS, DRIED POTPOURRI and SEASONINGS.

WINDOW BOXES: Pre-registration required. Limit of 10 boxes.

CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS: Are you growing eggplants, tomatoes, marigolds or strawberries in containters? Call 625-8280 for some helpful tips on how to keep your plants flourishing until Harvest Show time.

SOME NICE PLACES TO VISIT

Bartram's Garden
729-5281

54th and Lindbergh
Southwest Philadelphia

The first botanical garden in America.

OPEN: Tuesday through Sunday
10 AM to 4 PM

ADMISSION: Adults - $2.00
Children under 12 - $1.00

SEPTA:

#36 Trolley (Subway Surface Car) from City Hall.

You'll see signs at the corner of 54th and Lindbergh taking you down a tree lined street to the garden entrance.

18th Century Garden in Independence Park
300 block of Walnut Street

A recreation of an 18th century garden located next to the Horticultural Society's offices. Contains a formal flower garden, and an orchard, with a vegetable garden located just around the corner on 4th Street.

OPEN: Daily, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

COMPUTER LAND

Since we'll be switching to a computer mailing list in September, some names and addresses may drop out in error, although we hope not. PLEASE CALL IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY SEPTEMBER 10th.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

Glenwood Acres

Recently a number of warehouses at 18th and Glenwood were demolished, leaving approximately 3 to 4 acres of open land, adjacent to the railroad, in north central Philadelphia. Neighbors living across from the site, headed by **Mr. Taylor** and **Mr. Grey**, have visions of an extensive garden project beginning with a 3,000 sq. ft. vegetable garden. Later developments will include a sitting area and a tree hedge to help muffle the noise from the railroad.

19th and Cambria

The community garden at 19th and Cambria covers several acres in Allegheny West and is one of the largest gardens in the city. Plot after plot is planted with a fine variety of vegetables and flowers. **Viola Harding**, who oversees the management of the garden, always welcomes visitors and invites you to come. She is a skilled gardener, sure to share a secret or two with you when you visit. Other gardeners at 19th and Cambria include **Bob Clement** (PG Advisory Board) **Barbara Brown** (Woodstock Civic Association) and **Mildred Heckstall** (a former PG Garden Intern).

Harold Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Assistant District Coordinator

West Philadelphia

The next time you're on 1400 S 47th Street in the WEST SHORE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE, be sure to mosey on up to the "O.K. Corral" at the top of the hill. That's what everyone in West Shore calls their newest Sitting garden. Can you guess why?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS (continued)

Northwest Philadelphia

Last winter, neighbors on the 6200 block of Clearview Street saw the demolition of a building on the corner of Clearview and Washington Lane as a new beginning. They drew up plans for a garden and got into action with PHILADELPHIA GREEN this spring, planting a large part of the site in vegetables. Then, early in July, these gardeners put on the finishing touches by planting shrubs and flowers along two sides of their garden. The group, headed by **Raymond Seawell**, plans to add benches later this summer. Stop by and take a look. They've done a super job!

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Assistant District Coordinator

South Philadelphia

Several top-notch gardeners in the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne recently hosted PG's "Summer Garden Party". **Alta Felton** (1400 S Taylor), **Anna Davis** (1400 S Ringgold) and **Josephine Jackson** (1500 S Taylor) opened their gorgeous vegetable and flower gardens to other community gardeners, sharing an inside view, some light refreshments and lots of garden talk.

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Assistant District Coordinator

*** SCARECROWS:**

Enter one from your garden, or build one especially for the occasion. Call **Charles Evers**, 467-6727, if you have questions about constructing a scarecrow.

GARDENING TIPS

CONTINUE CAREFUL WATERING

STAY ALERT FOR BUGS AND DISEASES

If you see a problem and need a solution, call:

PHS HOTLINE
922-8043
9:30 AM to Noon
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

URBAN GARDENING
276-5183
Monday to Friday

KEEP ANNUAL FLOWERS GOING ALL SEASON

Remove each wilted flower with its stem back to the next cluster of leaves. Within the next several weeks you'll see new shoots with more flower buds. Repeat this procedure until frost.

TIPS FOR NEW STREET TREES

Keep soil around each tree well loosened to allow moisture to penetrate.

Water deeply every 3 to 4 days.

Use between 10 and 15 gallons each time you water.

GARDEN INTERNS

Members of this year's Garden Intern team have been busy this past month, visiting our many PG member groups. If they haven't been by your garden yet, they'll be out soon. By mid-September, we expect that the interns will have met with gardeners from more than 500 independent block organizations that are part of PHILADELPHIA GREEN. The interns are touring the different districts on behalf of our district coordinators, and their assistants. Any changes in contact people will be reported and our records will be changed.

South Philadelphia North Phila/East of Broad	Kathy, Earl and Brian
North Philadelphia/ West of Broad	Terry, Wyn, Juanita and Martha
West Philadelphia Northwest Philadelphia	Darryl, Randy, Ted and Anna

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT GUEST SPEAKER AT DINNER

Dr. Constance Clayton, Superintendent of Philadelphia's Public Schools, will address guests at this year's PHILADELPHIA GREEN (PG) Community Recognition Dinner. We hope you can join us there.

WHEN?	Friday, October 19th Cash bar opens at 6 PM Dinner begins at 7 PM
WHERE?	AT A NEW LOCATION Philadelphia Centre Hotel 17th and JFK Boulevard
MUSIC BY:	Butch Ballard's Band
TICKET RESERVATIONS:	$16.00 per person Deadline: October 5th Seating is limited so send in your reservation TODAY.

Would you like to win a load of soil, a wheelbarrow, wine barrels, flowers and more?

If you're a top seller of dinner tickets, You'll be eligible for these prizes.

Call 625-8280 for flyers and more information.

FROM THE EDITOR

Whether you're ready or not, here comes the Fall...A time to take stock in the garden and tidy up before the winter...A time to plant trees and shrubs, bulbs and perennials...A time to relish the changes of the season, the colors, and the cooler temperatures...A time for planning for next year...Speaking of planning, we need pictures of fall pea crops for our upcoming Flower Show exhibit, so if you've planted a late pea crop, call Jeannine Vannais at 625-8284.

We were sorry to hear that Lois Burpee, a good friend to PHILADELPHIA GREEN, died recently. Lois had grown the vegetables used in our Flower Show exhibit in 1983 and was involved as a City Gardens Contest judge for 1983 and 1984.

Patricia

REGISTER, THEN VOTE

October 9th is the deadline for registering to vote in the November election. Don't just sit there, register today. Voter registration forms are available from most post offices.

WORLD FOOD DAY - OCTOBER 16TH

An outdoor exhibit in Center City is planned for World Food Day, Tuesday, October 16th, with PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING among the participants. The exhibit will emphasize local and regional food producing resources and issues on hunger. Watch Public Service Announcements for exact location and time.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST FINALS - WIN, PLACE, SHOW

Gardeners celebrated another successful season at the 1984 City Gardens Contest Awards reception on September 11th. Herb Clarke, TV 10 Weatherman and Contest Chair presented awards to the following gardens and we add our congratulations:

SITTING GARDENS

First Place	2114 N 20th		
Second Place	3567 N Warnock 2245 Oakford	19th & Dickinson	Addison/Perth
Third Place	2149 Ellsworth	2462 N 16th	2932-38 N Van Pelt

GARDEN BLOCKS

First Place	1600 Patton		
Second Place	1400 S Ringgold	1300 S Colorado	1200 S Bonsall
Third Place	2700 Helen 2600 N 33rd	2500 N Spangler 1500 N 61st	1200 S 21st 2300 N 18th

LOT PROJECTS

First Place	1452-54 S Taylor		
Second Place	1909-11 Gerritt	1450-52 S Ringgold	
Third Place	1937-41 Wilder	2013-15 Fernon	1412 S 19th

GREENEST BLOCK IN TOWN

First Place	2200 Oakford	6100 Washington
Second Place	2100 Wharton	4700 Hawthorne
Third Place	1600 N Dover	

CHILDREN'S GARDENS - COMMUNITY

First Place	Smedley School/Pratt & Charles Streets		
Second Place	Hancock & Diamond		3rd & Columbia
Third Place	2141 N Howard	Pearl & Conestoga	

POCKET PARKS

First Place	314 Emily		
Second Place	2400 N Colorado	1459 N Alden	23rd & Thompson
Third Place	1330-32 S 18th		

CITY GARDENS CONTEST FINALS (CONTINUED)

FIRST YEAR COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	20th & Tioga		
Second Place	5521-23 Hunter	3702 Hamilton	946 N American
	2420 N Delhi	4600 Paschall	29th & Oakford
Third Place	918-30 Leithgow	1220 N Lawrence	1801 N Bucknell
	4200-04 Viola		

SMALL COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	Unit block Conestoga		
Second Place	2608-12 Manton	3301 N 21st	20th & Ogden
	2133 N Uber	3201 Oxford	
Third Place	2009-13 Turner	1804-12 Sharswood	
	1710-21 W Seybert		

MID-SIZE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	29th & Oakford		
Second Place	4310-14 Sansom	43rd & Ogden	1205-13 S 26th
Third Place	Green & Penn	4600 Linmore	

LARGE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First Place	25th & Spruce		
Second Place	Susquehanna & Palethorpe		1900 Pacific
	25th & Dickinson	1526-50 S 25th	25th & Reed
	49th & Aspen	9th & Glenwood	
Third Place	Pearl & Conestoga	40th & Powelton	Church & Baynton
	33rd & Race	29th & Cambria	

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

We haven't even celebrated Columbus Day, so why talk about the Holiday Workshops in DECEMBER? Well, our workshops are so popular, the schedule fills up very fast. So if you're interested in hosting a workshop in your neighborhood, and want more information, call Jeff Myers at 625-8280.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Josephine Jackson and the other folks in the vegetable garden at 25th and Tasker are thrilled about the two new garden murals. In one, you can see "the rising sun" and in the other, "the moon and the stars." The murals send a clear message - 25th and Tasker is one garden that's OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Assistant District Coordinator

NORTH PHILADELPHIA/WEST OF BROAD

Last month, we told you about the spectacular garden happening at 18th and Glenwood. But we neglected to mention the hard work and enthusiasm of another garden leader, **Leonard Sherrod.** Leonard has engineered the installation of hundreds of yards of fencing, and serves as vice-president of the Glenwood Acres Garden Club which oversees management and membership of this incredible garden.

Hal Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Assistant District Coordinator

WEST PHILADELPHIA

West Shore Greene Countrie Towne

West Shore just gets greener and greener all the time. West Shorians are currently gearing up for the fall season with plans for more flower gardens and more street side plantings. Go on out and take a look for yourself.

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Assistant District Coordinator

GARDENING TIPS

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

You still have time to plant before cold weather sets in. TREES, SHRUBS and HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS such as *daylilies, wooly lamb's ears, chrysanthemums* and *never dies* can be planted or moved to another spot in the garden at this time of year. The time is also right for planting BULBS like *tulips, daffodils, hyacinths* or *crocus.* When selecting bulbs, be sure they feel firm, like fresh onions. Store them in a cool dry place and plant them out as soon as you can.

PLANTING: Be sure to add a generous amount of well-rotted organic matter (woodchips, shredded leaves or peat moss) when preparing each planting hole. And thoroughly water all newly planted TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS and BULBS.

GET READY FOR WINTER

You've all been pulling good food out of your vegetable gardens for the past few months. When you've finally finished harvesting for the season, put something back into the garden before the weather gets too cold.

1 - TEST YOUR SOIL to find out what you'll need to add to assure good crops next year. Soil tests are $3 and are available from the Cooperative Extension Service, 5799 N Broad Street.

2 - ENRICH YOUR GARDEN SOIL with healthy garden refuse like leaves, grass clippings, stalks, and vines. DON'T USE DISEASED PLANT PARTS. Adding healthy organic matter to the garden keeps the soil crumbly and easy to work. Shread or chop these vegetable remains, spread them over the top of the soil, and dig them down about 6 inches.

3. ADD WOODCHIPS. Sources for free woodchips are the PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY (call for information) or the FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER, located on Ford Road near Strawberry Mansion Bridge.

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GET READY FOR WINTER (CONTINUED)

4 - PLANT WINTER RYE GRASS this fall and turn it under the soil next spring.

5 - MAKE A SKETCH OF THIS YEAR'S GARDEN to help remember what was planted where. Crops like corns and greens which use lots of nitrogen can be placed next year where beans and peas grew this year. Rotate cole crops like broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different spot to avoid damage from clubroot which stays in the soil for several years.

6 - CLEAN ALL GARDEN TOOLS and store in a dry place over the winter.

7 - CHECK FOR THE TOOLS, SOIL AND SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED FOR NEXT YEAR.

MEL BARTHOLOMEW'S SQUARE FOOT GARDENING

Several months ago we told you about the filming of three segments of Mel Bartholomew's popular Channel 12 gardening show, spotlighting the Garden of Gethsemane, 54th and Pearl.

These will be aired on three consecutive Saturdays, October 27th, November 3rd and 10th, all beginning at 12 noon.

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

We hope you enjoyed the Show as much as we did. What a great pay-off for all the hard work out in the garden this summer! Results of the Harvest Show Sweepstakes and Baked Goods recipes will be included in the November newsletter.

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

We're looking forward to seeing what our budding horticulturists can cook up for our annual Junior Flower Show in November. PG Advisory Board members **Natalie Kempner, Donna Thorpe** and **Almina Smelley**, also members of the Show Committee, invite you to encourage children - yours, your neighbors', and your students - to take part in the Show. Parents and teachers can obtain a Show booklet describing the many categories included this year by calling 625-8280.

SHOW DATES:	Thursday, November 8th - 1 to 5 PM Friday, November 9th -11 to 5 PM Saturday, November 10th -10 to 2 PM
LOCATION:	First Bank of the United States 3rd Street between Chestnut and Walnut

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Let's excercise our right to vote and choose those people who will look after our special interests.

ACGA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS NATIONAL CONTEST

The Chalmers Park Demonstration Garden at 27th Street and Chalmers Avenue has been awarded the national runner-up prize, second to the Dayton Community Garden in Dayton, Ohio. In addition to a cash prize of $500, they were honored at an Awards Luncheon in Washington, DC at the Department of Agriculture, hosted by Mrs. John R. Block, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Philadelphia also had several other regional winners: Aspen Farms - 49th and Aspen, Southwark/Queen Village - 3rd and Christian, the Summer/Winter Garden - 33rd and Race, 22nd and Montrose, and the Smedley School Summer Garden.

Philadelphia had more winners than any other city in the country. Congratulations to everyone. It shows that Philadelphia is #1 in community gardening!

FROM THE EDITOR

Patricia

We recently sent you a schedule and registration form for PG workshops set for the next few months. We hope you'll sign up for one or more. Registration is limited, so send in your form today, or call 625-8280 to request another registration form.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR GARDENERS

*DRIED ARRANGEMENTS

Tuesday, November 13th — 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Fee: $3.00 each — PHS, 325 Walnut Street

Join Advisory Board members, **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Kieser** and make some extraordinary arrangements from dried materials collected in their community gardens around 43rd and Sansom. Both Ruth and Frank have entered arrangements in the Harvest Show over the past few years and have won prizes for them.

*FORCING BULBS

Monday, November 26th — 3:30 to 5:00 PM
Fee: $3.00 each — PHS, 325 Walnut Street

This workshop is open to teachers and youth group leaders. PG staffers **Anne, Jeff** and **Patricia** will demonstrate how to pot up spring flowering bulbs for winter forcing indoors. These bulbs will need an extended cold treatment - either a protected outdoor space or room in your refrigerator will do.

*HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 8th — 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Fee: $4.00 each — PHS, 325 Walnut Street

This workshop, led by **Jeff** and **Jeannine** of the PG staff, is always a great way to get into the holiday spirit. You'll have a choice of making either a wreath or table arrangement.

IN ADDITION: You can sponsor a Holiday Workshop for 10 to 15 people in your own neighborhood. Call **Jeff** at 625-8280 to make arrangements.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

"I will not be satisfied until every child in the Philadelphia School District, no matter what school they attend, is guaranteed an equal quality education." So spoke **Dr. Constance E. Clayton**, Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District, at PHILADELPHIA GREEN's Recognition Dinner on October 19th. Her remarks, which displayed her commitment, her enthusiasm, and her strong managerial style, were punctuated with applause from the 440 attendees who filled the stylish Grand Ballroom. And she's a gardener, too!

Lincoln High School senior **Linda Rosenberger** told the story of the Green The School Grounds program as staff showed slides of the planting projects at participating schools. The **Smedley School Garden Club** of eight youngsters sang a gardening song for the guests and Dr. Clayton. **Dave Kipphut**, Vice-chair of the Green The School Grounds Committee and a Lincoln High School teacher, presented Dr. Clayton, on behalf of the School Administration, a certificate recognizing the Administration's on-going support of the program.

In addition to the 140 block awards presented, four special Green Thumb of the Year Awards were announced: **Rachel Bagby**, for the 20th & Dauphin Street area greening projects; **James Taylor** and **Leonard Sherrod**, coordinators at the 18th and Glenwood "farm"; the **West Shore Beautification Committee**, for its work in its Southwest Philadelphia neighborhood; and the **Chinatown Community Gardeners**, given the Green Thumb of the Decade Award. They have been an inspiration to visitors and gardeners throughout the city for maintaining their highly visible 10th and Vine Street sites for 10 years, which next year will fall to the construction of the Vine Street Expressway.

Congratulations to the Dinner Committee, chaired by **Mary W. Brown**, and to staff coordinator **Denise Flores.**

Thank you all for coming to enjoy a night of celebration.

Sincerely,

Blaine Bonham

J. Blaine Bonham, Jr.
Director of PHILADELPHIA GREEN

GARDEN INTERNS - CLASS OF 1985

Please pass the word to your fellow gardeners and neighbors that we're now accepting applications for our 1985 Garden Interns program, starting in January. We're looking for people:

- 18 years or older
- with an interest in working with people and learning more about gardening in the city
- who are available to work on Saturdays
- looking for part-time work only

If you have anyone in mind, call Patricia at 625-8280 and she'll send out an application.

WORLD FOOD DAY - OCTOBER 16TH

Many people from many different walks of life came together on October 16th to celebrate World Food Day at JFK Plaza. Organizations including PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program staffed booths showing how important agriculture is to our city.

The celebration was co-sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Task Force and Mellon Bank to raise people's awareness about the need for developing a local municipal food and agricultural policy, including preservation of community gardens as permanent open space.

November

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

What a Harvest Show! The best yet! We had more entries from more gardens than ever before! And although the predictions were wet ones, the weather turned out great! We'd like to congratulate all sweepstakes winners and invite you all back again next year.

	LARGE GARDENS	SMALL GARDENS
1st Prize:	4300/4310 Sansom	Smedley School
2nd Prize:	56th & Haverford	920 N Leithgow
3rd Prize:	Friends of the West	Hope Springs
Honorable Mention:	Southwark/Queen Village Garden of Eatin'	712-14 N 18th 3301 N 21st

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HARVEST SHOW SPIN-OFF

In early October, **Hazel Felton**, long-time gardener and Harvest Show prize winner from the 56th & Haverford Community Garden, created a special Harvest Display at neighboring Daroff School. Hazel was assisted by **Blanche Epps**, veteran Friends of the West gardener and PG Advisory Board member. Students joined in the fun with crafty creatures of their own making.

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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

There are only a few more days left till this year's Junior Flower Show opens. Bring in your children's entries on Wednesday, November 7th, from 11AM to 6PM. Then come back when the Show's officially open:

Thursday, November 8	1 to 5 PM
Friday, November 9	10 AM to 5 PM
Saturday, November 10	10 AM to 2 PM

SHOW LOCATION: First Bank of the U.S.
3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

More Philadelphians are busy making their neighborhoods greener than before. The following groups are just starting up new projects with PHILADELPHIA GREEN this fall:

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

Sitting Gardens: 2100 N Newkirk 2800 N 25th
1400 N Etting/2700 Jefferson

Planters: 2900 N 23rd

Green The School Grounds: Ben Franklin High, Broad & Green St.

Francisville Greene Countrie Towne - shrubs in wine barrels
several new lot gardens

North Philadelphia/East of Broad

Sitting Garden: 3800 N 10th

Planters: 1000 Race

South Philadelphia

Street Trees/Planters: 1700 Dorrance 2000 Federal 1500 Ellsworth
1800 Dickinson 2300 Morris

Green The School Grounds: Sharswood El. School, 2nd and Wolf

West and Northwest Philadelphia

Street Trees/Planters: 5400 Pine 5400 Spruce 6100 Catherine
1700 N Lindenwood

West Shore Greene Countrie Towne - Lot Gardens
4600 Woodland
1300 S Melville

Green The School Grounds: Gompers El. School, 57th & Wynnefield

Vegetable Gardens: 4532 N Colorado 3945 Aspen 5559 Crowson
4560 N Bouvier 41 W Seymour 4635 Girard

GARDENING TIPS

WATER all outdoor plants thoroughly. This includes trees, shrubs, herbs, perennials, lawns and winter rye grass.

HOW OFTEN? Once a week for in-ground plantings; twice a week for container-grown plants.

HOW LATE IN THE SEASON? Water until the ground freezes in late December.

HOW MUCH WATER? This depends on the amount of rain we've had. Just make sure the soil can't absorb any more water before you stop.

WHAT IF IT GETS WARM AGAIN? Whenever the temperature gets above 40°F, water thoroughly so your plants can't dry out.

MULCH is a 3 inch layer of woodchips, rotted leaves, newspaper or salt hay put on top of the soil.

WHAT DOES IT DO? Mulch conserves soil moisture and insulates the roots over the winter.

HOW DO I APPLY IT? Place a 3 inch layer around the base of each plant, about 3 or 4 inches out from the trunk or stems.

PLANT GARLIC AND SHALLOTS FOR NEXT SUMMER'S HARVEST

You can get a jump on next year's crop now by planting garlic and shallots, two onion relatives with a lot of zest. Just find some well-drained soil in a sunny spot of your garden, and add some organic matter. Plant the whole shallot, but be sure to separate the garlic into single segments (cloves). Place each shallot bulb or garlic clove about 5 inches apart, with the pointed tip about 2 inches under the soil surface.

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HOLIDAY SHOW AT PHS

The Horticultural Society celebrates the holidays with its annual Show starting December 3. Come visit us at 325 Walnut Street and see our beautiful display "Around the World at Holiday Time," filled with garlands, natural wreaths and decorated trees, December 3 through 21.

HOURS: Mondays through Fridays
9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16
11 AM to 4 PM
FREE ADMISSION

1984 GARDEN INTERNS

The staff is hosting a graduation dinner for the 1984 Garden Interns in early December to recognize their year-long participation in the program. Congratulations and best wishes to:

Anna Graham
Randall Jones
Theresa McKelvy
Darryl Morgan
Kathleen O'Donnell
Wynefred Postell
Earl White

Dear Friends,

The cold weather is finally upon us. By now, our gardens are mulched, our tools cleaned and stored away, leaving us some extra time for holiday preparations. In case you were hoping to attend our workshop this year, we still have a few more spots on Saturday, December 8th, from 2 to 4 PM. We hope you can join us.

I also wanted to remind you about some new workshops coming up in January and February.

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Patricia

MELLON'S GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Mamie Nichols, head of the Point Breeze Federation, has been active in her community for many years. Through her efforts and those of other federation members, great changes have come about in the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne. **Mellon Bank** recently recognized the rebirth of Point Breeze by presenting Mamie Nichols with their first "Good Neighbor Award," along with a $10,000 grant donated to the Point Breeze Federation. **Good work, Mamie!!**

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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Clowns, lions and tigers were among the 1200 entries made by budding horticulturists in this year's three-ring Junior Flower Show. Students representing quite a few Green The School Grounds projects walked off with lots of prizes: **Sharswood, Drew, Franklin Learning Center, Jones, Masterman, Smedley** (1st place exhibit) and **Lincoln** (Honorable Mention exhibit). On the second day of the Show, **Meredith** School students provided entertainment with songs, dances and instrumental music. Clown **Efrain Rios** (Advisory Board member) entranced students with his performance as well.

Special thanks to **Helene Duncan** and **Mary Lou Scanlon** for their involvement with the Show since 1975. Helene and Mary Lou are retiring co-chairs who will be succeeded by **Natalie Kempner** (Advisory Board member) and **Jeanne Lennon** (Girl Scouts of America) for the 1985 and 1986 Shows.

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FROM DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 2
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! *

* NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS *

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

SCALE BUSTERS. We'd like to report on one successful attempt to wipe out the notorious scale on street trees. Scale is the white powdery stuff often found on the trunks and branches of Kwanzan Cherries and other fruit trees. Several months ago, neighbors from the 2000 block of Parrish Street in Francisville alerted us about a heavy infestation on many of their Kwanzan Cherry trees. Because city spraying crews were unavailable, residents were frustrated in their efforts to keep the scale under control. As an experiment, we suggested they try scrubbing the infested branches with a stiff brush and a solution of about ¼ to ½ cups of Fels Naptha Brown Soap shavings, diluted in 1½ gallons of warm water. Thorough and repeated scrubbing resulted in good control of this pest. Using a step ladder and long-handled brush makes the job easier. NOW is a very good time to scrub down the scale on your trees as it will kill any overwintering eggs.

Hal Rosner
District Coordinator

Jeff Myers
Assistant District Coordinator

South Philadelphia

Congratulations to the 1700 block of S Ringgold, third prize winner of the Mayor's 1984 Citywide Clean Block Contest. The judges were undoubtedly wowed by the lovely corner garden at Ringgold and Morris, as well as by the many shrub-filled wine barrels lining both sides of the street. The award is even more impressive when you realize that this was their first year of gardening! Three cheers for this ambitious and dedicated group!!

Dorothy Endres, Francine Levine and student members of **Sharswood Elementary Garden Club** recently completed their Green The School Grounds indoor gardening project. Donations from the school community provided them with a picnic table and benches as well as a park bench. The garden club transformed a bare room, set aside for the project, into a park-like setting, filled with several large plants in wine barrels, hanging baskets in the windows and collections of flowering, foliage, and succulent plants. They are all very proud of their Sharswood Greenery and so are we!

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Assistant District Coordinator

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS (CONTINUED)

West Philadelphia

In early November, students and teachers from Gompers Elementary School Garden Club pooled their energies to establish a beautiful garden at their school's entrance. It's filled with an assortment of trees, flowering and evergreen shrubs, as well as perennial flowers and bulbs. During the planting, several teachers videotaped the action and students interviewed members of the garden club to find out what they were doing.

Each year for the past four, **Wilhelmina Tippens** and her neighbors from the 1700 block of N Lindenwood expected new sidewalks, but each year the work was postponed to the next. The sidewalks were finally completed last spring and the block that holds the record for being on the PG waiting list for five years planted its street trees in late November. **Congratulations!!**

Alexandra Basinski
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Assistant District Coordinator

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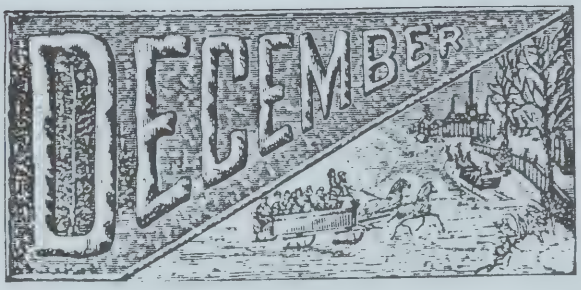
ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

Special commendations go to the following retiring Advisory Board members who have offered their time and energy to PHILADELPHIA GREEN over the past years:

Mary W. Brown
Marie Bryant
Helen Feggans
Mary Lewis
Dorsha Mason
Ruth Wilkins
Yvonne H. Wynn

December

GARDENING TIPS FOR



Final clean-up of the season

* Pick up all diseased and insect infested leaves to prevent another infestation next year.
* Remove dead stalks of annuals, vegetables and perennials.
* Clean tools and store in a dry place. Grease or oil metal parts to prevent rusting.
* Water all woody plants from now until the ground freezes late this month.

After a snowstorm, gently clear snow off shrubs. Never try to do so if the plants are covered with ice - branches will be brittle and may break off.

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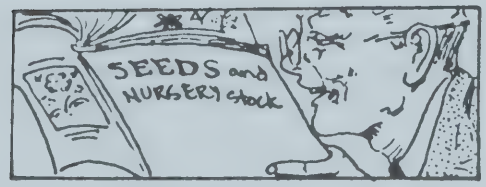
THE GARDEN GOURMET

You must have seen some of the mouth-watering food entries at the Harvest Show - **Sharon Turner's** first prize **Herb Bread**, **Edna Jones'** second prize Zucchini Bread and **Smedley School's** third prize Vegetable Cookie. Try your own taste test and see if you agree with the judges. Call us at 625-8280 and we'll send you a copy of the 1984 Garden Gourmet Harvest Show recipes.

HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR WINTER

ORDER SEED CATALOGS



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Warminster, PA 18974

Johnny's Selected Seeds
200 Foss Hill Road
Albion, ME 04910

John Harris Company, Inc.
12 Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

George W. Parks Seed Co.
155 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Vermont Bean Seed Co.
Garden Lane
Bomoseen, VT 05732

PERENNIALS

Wayside Gardens
18 Garden Lane
Hodges, SC 29695

White Flower Farm
Litchfield 1070
Connecticut, 06759-0050

Jackson & Perkins
71 Rose Lane
Medford, OR 97501

FRUIT

Stark Bros.
Nurseries and Orchards Co.
Dept. J199CB
Louisiana, MO 63353

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After four years, **Willie Mae Bullock** has retired as Chair of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board. Staff and board members recently marked her retirement with a ceremony acknowledging her many efforts as Chair of the Advisory Board. Of course, Willie Mae will continue on as a member of the Board and chair of the Flower Show Exhibit Committee. Thanks Willie Mae for your tremendous energy and support.

Our director, **Blaine Bonham** recently announced that **Sharon Turner**, long-time Advisory Board member, will be the board's new chair. Sharon has been involved in many PHILADELPHIA GREEN activities over the years, and has served as Chair of the Harvest Show Committee and Chair of the Flower Show Exhibit Committee. Good Luck, Sharon!

New members joining the Advisory Board this year are:

Rachel Bagby
Dora Cornish
Samuel Henley
Una Vee Bruce
Charlotte Donald
Tomasita Romero

DEAR FRIENDS

I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Isn't it great that we can begin another year with renewed energy and resolve? Here at PHILADELPHIA GREEN, we resolve to help you make your part of Philadelphia even GREENER through our workshop series. There are still some openings at the workshops in both January and February. Hope we see you there!

Patricia
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Look forward to our next workshop brochure in early February.

Patricia
Editor

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE STAFF

Alexandra Basinski, long-time District Coordinator for West and Northwest Philadelphia has just retired from her District Coordinator duties, but will continue to work part time as PHILADELPHIA GREEN Staff Advisor for the Harvest Show. Alexandra will also work closely with the **West Shore Greene Countrie Towne** Committee in preparation for next summer's dedication ceremonies.

Jeff Myers is the new District Coordinator for West and Northwest Philadelphia. He has been working in North Philadelphia/West of Broad with **Hal Rosner** for the past year and a half. You'll hear more from Jeff in the months to come.

George Fernandez, who has worked along with Alexandra in the west and northwest sections of the city for the last year and a half, will join Hal in North Philadelphia/West of Broad. George is looking forward to meeting folks in a new part of town.

FARMS SHARES ITS BLESSINGS

Each year, the gardeners at **Aspen Farms**, 49th and Aspen Streets, West Philadelphia, reap a bountiful harvest. And each year, they reach out to share the fruits of their labor with their community by hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for local Senior Citizens. For **Aspen Farm** gardeners, their Thanksgiving tradition is the final celebration of the season, marking the end of another successful gardening year. We commend **Lew Allen**, Aspen Farms President and Advisory Board member, and all the other gardeners for their generosity and community spirit.

1985 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW - A TOUCH OF BRITAIN

While last year's Flower Show felt like a trip to Japan, this year, you'll make a trans-Atlantic crossing to England. Stone archways, a formal garden with fountains, topiary, and a cottage garden will help to set the tone for ***"A Touch of Britain."***

PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff and Flower Show Exhibit Committee members are currently preparing our exhibit for the Show, entitled ***"Community Gardening - It's Bigger Than You Think."*** Of course, we're not at liberty to divulge all of the details of the exhibit, but have you ever seen a 20 foot-long pea pod? The Flower Show Committee invites you to come see it for yourself:

Willie Mae Bullock
Rena Ennis
Ruth Flounders
Frank Kieser
Jim LaRosa
Gene Szymkowiak
Sharon Turner

STAFF:

Jeannine Vannais
Anne Vallery
Jean Byall
George Fernandez
Jeff Myers

SHOW DATES: March 3 - 10

LOCATION: Civic Center
34th and Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sundays - 10AM to 6PM
Monday thru Saturday - 10AM to 9:30PM

ADMISSION: Adults $6.50 Children (under 12) $3.25
Advanced sale tickets: $5.75
Available at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

GARDEN GRANTS PROGRAM

Gardens For All, a national gardening association, has announced that it will again award grants to youth and senior citizen gardening projects. The deadline for this year's applications is February 1, 1985.

If you're interested in finding out how your group can win $500 worth of gardening supplies, contact:

Garden Grants Program
Gardens For All
180 Flynn Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-1308

Just remember you don't have much time. The deadline is February 1st, so call or write TODAY!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

East side, west side, all around the town, in December PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff members set up Holiday Workshops with community groups that hosted their own with plenty of holiday spirit to go around:

West Shore
Point Breeze
Francisville
Franklin Learning Center
Chinatown
Northern Liberties
Norris Square
Urban League Child Care
Alpha Kapha Alpha
Ben Franklin High School
Haddington Library
Harrington School

NEW YORK'S CLINTON GARDEN SAVED

Since early 1984, community gardeners in New York City were hard at work trying to save the Clinton Garden from the developers bulldozers. Recently, the Mayor of New York agreed to put the site under the protection of the Department of Parks and Recreation, thus preserving the garden for the community.

The Mayor made his decision in part due to the support generated nationwide by thousands of people who showed their concern by "buying" square-inches of the garden at $5 an inch, raising a total of $80,000. This is truly a victory for community gardeners everywhere and an inspiration for us in Philadelphia.

1985 ACGA NATIONAL GARDENING CONTEST

The American Community Gardening Association recently announced it will co-sponsor the second annual National Gardening Contest with Glad Bags in 1985. The 1984 ACGA-Glad Contest judges picked a total of 100 national winners, with six from right here in Philadelphia! Won't you enter the 1985 National Gardening Contest and make Philadelphia an even bigger winner? Watch for future announcements about entering the contest.

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Rochester, NY 14624

George W. Parks Seed Co.
155 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Vermont Bean Seed Co.
Garden Lane
Bomoseen, VT 05732

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Wayside Gardens
18 Garden Lane
Hodges, SC 29695

White Flower Farm
Litchfield 1070
Connecticut, 06759-0050

Jackson & Perkins
71 Rose Lane
Medford, OR 97501

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Stark Bros.
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Dept. J199CB
Louisiana, MO 63353

Colley Brothers Nurseries
Dalesville, NY 11437

GARDENING TIPS FOR JANUARY (CONTINUED)

CHECK TOOL SUPPLY FOR NEEDED REPLACEMENTS.

WATER OUTDOOR PLANTS THOROUGHLY WHEN TEMPERATURES RISE ABOVE 30°F.

CUT UP CHRISTMAS TREES AND USE BRANCHES AS WINTER DECORATION IN YOUR WINDOW BOX OR AS A MULCH IN YOUR GARDEN.

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COME TO THE 1985 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

The outstanding feature of this year's PHILADELPHIA GREEN Flower Show exhibit is a 20 foot pea pod. This giant-sized pod will dramatize the exhibit's theme, *"Community Gardening - It's Bigger than you Think,"* illustrating the extraordinary success of the community gardening effort here in Philadelphia. The exhibit will also provide a photographic display of projects started with PHILADELPHIA GREEN's help.

Our Flower Show Exhibit Committee, headed by **Willie Mae Bullock,** recently announced that our exhibit will be dedicated to Lois Burpee, a long-time friend of PG, who died last fall. Lois grew all the vegetables for our first exhibit back in 1983.

SHOW DATES:	March 3 - 10
LOCATION:	Civic Center 34th & Civic Center Boulevard
HOURS:	Sundays - 10AM to 6PM Monday thru Saturday - 10AM to 9:30 PM
ADMISSION:	Adults $6.50 Children (under 12) $3.25 Advanced sale tickets: $5.75 Available at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

DEAR FRIENDS:

Every gardener has his or her own ways of getting through winter - reading catalogs, magazine articles or gardening books, making plans for early plantings, starting seeds indoors, or nursing houseplants through these short, cold days. I found myself buying a bunch of daffodils several weeks ago, making ice and snow more bearable for me. Whatever you do to wile away the cold weather, enjoy! It won't be too long before we can get outside again and get our hands in the dirt.

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Editor

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  Saturday, February 16 — 10AM to Noon
  Fee: $2.00 each — PHS, 325 Walnut Street

  Attention new gardeners. Learn how trees, shrubs and flowers can thrive in your city garden. This is the first in a basic gardening series, with Starting Seeds Indoors in March, a Garden Center Field Trip in April and three on-site workshops in May.

- STARTING SEEDS INDOORS (Basic Gardening Series #2)

  Saturday, March 30 — 10AM to Noon
  Fee: $2.00 each — PHS, 325 Walnut Street

  Get a jump on the growing season and save money in the meantime by starting seeds early indoors. Bring extra seeds from last year for a seed exchange.
  DEADLINE: March 15th.

LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT WORKSHOP BROCHURE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

American Community Gardening Association/GLAD Wrap and Bags
National Community Gardening Contest

1985 NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST

After a first-year effort that exceeded expectations by almost 100 percent, the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) and GLAD Wrap and Bags will co-sponsor the 1985 National Community Gardening Contest.

Last year, over 480 community garden sites entered the first-ever National Community Gardening Contest. They represented almost 32,000 gardeners from 45 states, with an average of 67 gardeners per one-acre garden site. The Contest was intended to reward and encourage the efforts of community gardeners nationwide. It provided cash prizes, free GLAD trash bags and a proof-of-purchase redemption system (to help gardeners earn extra cash for their gardening needs).

The 1985 Contest will offer over $25,000 in cash prizes divided into four categories: "new," "large," "small," and "special populations" site. This year, a first-ever, special "recipe search" for dishes made from garden produce will be an extra component of the Contest.

Contest kits will be distributed in February to all groups who requested information last year. New groups interested in entering can obtain a Contest Kit by writing to: ACGA, Box 93147, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53202. Deadline for entry in June 15, 1985.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Gardeners around many PHILADELPHIA GREEN neighborhoods turned their winter blues green in January by doing some small-scale gardening in terrariums and dish gardens.

Workshops were sponsored by the following groups:

Norris Square
Holy Name Church
Harrington School
Southwark Child Development
Little Neighborhood Center
Ben Franklin High School
Concerned Citizens of Francisville

1985 GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA GREEN will once again offer garden supplies at below retail prices this year through its Garden Supplies Service. Order forms will be mailed in late February to groups that have participated in the past. If you are a block captain or garden chair of an interested group and you have not received an order form by March 1st, please call Betty at 625-8280 to get your copy.

This year, in addition to offering our regular line of products, PG will try to fill your special requests. So, if you don't see an item you need on our list, let us know. We may be able to get it for you.

PROJECT GREEN, Louisville, Kentucky

While touring the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne during the U.S. Conference of Mayors last June, the wife of Louisville's mayor was very excited by all the gardens and green blocks along the way. It proved to her that community gardening can make a positive impact in any neighborhood, just the thing folks were talking about back in Louisville. Not long after her return home, plans for a neighborhood garden program took shape, and with the recent debut of **PROJECT GREEN**, Louisville is now on the community gardening map. We look forward to hearing more about the "fruits" of their labor and will pass on the news to all you PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners who helped show that community gardening makes the difference.

1985 GARDEN INTERNS

The 1985 Garden Interns began their training in mid-January and will be hard at work over the next few months boning up on basic horticulture and community gardening skills before the gardening season begins.

We'd like to welcome our new interns:

Sandra Calhoun
Janet Ferrell
Denise Jefferson
Leon Johnson
Tony Johnson
Naomi Kaplan
Westley Mack
Derek Robinson
Adeline Stanfield
Barbara Wagner
Louise Webster

PENN STATE'S URBAN GARDENING WORKSHOPS

On Satrudays, January 19 through February 9, from 9AM to Noon, the Urban Gardening Program will host a series of workshops on greenhouses, garden planning and planting, houseplants and backyard livestock. The workshops will be held at Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center. Call the Garden Phone, 276-5183, for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

BUILDING MATERIALS EXCHANGE

Impact Services Corp. (at 'A' Street and Indiana) is offering an innovative approach to low cost housing renovation. Low income families and non-profit organizations involved in renovation activities will be able to purchase materials and supplies such as lumber, plumbing supplies, paint, doors, sheet rock and windows.

Call **John MacDonald**, General Manager, Impact Services, 739-1600, for more information.

"CREATIVE ENERGIES" CAN WARM YOU UP

If your house feels as cold inside as your garden does outside, and your fuel bills are still too high, you can get help from Creative Energies.

Creative Energies specializes in helping the do-it-yourselfer, providing both advice and materials for making your home weathertight without spending a lot of money. You'll find weatherstripping, caulk, pipe insulation and much, much more. They also have a wide selection of discounted books on gardening and other assorted do-it-yourself topics.

Creative Energies, a project of the Grass Roots Alliance for a Solar Pennsylvania (GRASP), is located at 3500 Lancaster Ave. Hours: noon to 6PM, Tuesday thru Friday, 10AM to 4PM on Saturdays. Call 222-7211 for further information.

GARDENING TIPS FOR

ORDER FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS

By now you've probably been caught in an avalanche of catalogs. Be sure to send in your order early. Later, supplies of certain seeds may be sold out. For a source of good, inexpensive seeds, suggested by **Blanche Epps**, send to:

Seed Catalog
P.O. Box 1339
Portland, ME 04104
or call 1-(207) 772-1669

START SEEDS EARLY. By starting certain annual flower and vegetable seeds indoors during February and March, rather than outdoors in April or May, you can count on earlier blooming flowers and early harvest for vegetables.

You can sow flower seeds like *impatiens, lobelia, petunia* and *scarlet sage* or vegetable seeds like *beets, celery, leeks, lettuce* and *onions* all indoors as long as you have enough light to grow the seedlings. Put under fluorescent lights or place in east or south windows.

Check each seed packet for best indoor/outdoor sowing time.

WATCH OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES. Wind on a bright sunny day in winter can damage trees, shrubs and groundcover if the soil dries out.

When the temperature goes above 35°F and the soil thaws, keep your plants from drying out by watering thoroughly and deeply around each plant, whether in the ground or in a container.

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PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

With this year's Flower Show theme being *"A Touch of Britain,"* you're sure to see more flowers per square inch than at any other flower show. Our Flower Show crowd watchers recommend visiting Thursday or Friday, from 3:30 until 6:30 PM, when the Show is least crowded. Enjoy the Show!

DATES: March 3 - 10

LOCATION: Civic Center
34th & Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sundays - 10AM to 6PM
Monday thru Saturday - 10AM to 9:30PM

ADMISSION: Adults $6.50 Children (under 12) $3.25

GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

Now's the time to figure out what gardening supplies you'll need for the upcoming season. Check out the Garden Supplies order form that comes in the mail. If you don't see something you need, let us know and we'll try to get it for you.

If you haven't yet received an order form and are interested in buying through the Garden Supplies Service, give Betty a call at 625-8280. She'll send you a copy.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Do you ever wonder about the March weather prediction, *"In like Lion, out like a Lamb?"* Most times it seems pretty unpredictable. Maybe those peas you put out early get zapped by the cold or heavy rainfall or when you least expect it, March surprises you with fairly mild and only slightly rainy weather.

This year's farmers' almanac predicts mild weather for the most of March, with heavy snowfall mixed in. Lamb or Lion, whatever happens, good luck and good gardening!

Patricia

Editor

SPRING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

March 30	STARTING SEEDS INDOORS
April 13	GARDEN MANAGEMENT
April 17	SMEDLEY SCHOOL GARDEN TOUR
April 20	GARDEN CENTER FIELD TRIP
April 27	CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AT A STREET TREE WORKSHOP

Check your workshop brochure for more information or call 625-8280. Prepayment is required to reserve a spot for yourself and your gardening friends.

MARCH

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Every year at the end of September, gardeners in and around Philadelphia share a very special tradition - the Harvest Show, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. It's the time for all gardening folks to show off the finest vegetables, fruits, flowers, preserves, breads and wines of the season.

With this year's theme *"A Harvest Rainbow,"* who knows how many different color ribbons you and your fellow community gardeners can win. If you've never made entries in the Show before, this is the year to try it.

Plug into the Harvest Show Hotline each month. We'll give you up-to-the-minute tips on preparing your entries and entice you with the plans the committee cooks up to make the Harvest Show the best ever.

The dates are set: September 28 and 29. The place: The Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Ready, set, go!

1. What did well in your garden last year? What did you see at last year's Show that you might try growing this year?
2. If you PLAN FOR A LARGE VARIETY of vegetables and flowers you can enter classes like HARVEST BASKETS, HARVEST TABLES and FLORAL BOUNTY.
3. SAVE SEED PACKETS or KEEP A LIST OF VARIETY NAMES. This will save time when preparing entry tags for the Show.
4. Check with gardening friends to see what they are ordering; choose different varieties and offer to trade seeds.
5. Reserve your CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS now. Quantities are limited and some seeds will need to be started soon. Call Alexandra at 625-8285 for your seeds.

    Edible Pepper. 'Tequila Sunrise'
    Basil. 'Spicy Globe'
    Japanese Greens. 'Mizuana'
    Dahlberg Daisy. 'Golden Fleece'
    Ornamental Pepper. 'Jigsaw'

    All Challenge Class entries will be container grown.

SHARE-A-PLANT

Free seeds and/or plants to share with other gardeners this spring? Looking for hard-to-find seeds or plants? Call Patricia at 625-8280 to be listed in the April newsletter.

BE A WINNER!

Are you planning to enter your garden in the National Community Gardening Contest this spring? The 1984 contest results show quite a few winners from Philadelphia. The gardeners at Chalmers Park (North Philadelphia) are buying garden supplies; the students at Smedley School (Frankford) are planting a tree in their neighborhood; the folks at Aspen Farms (West Philadelphia) are looking forward to using their prize money to make their 10th anniversary the best yet.

This year, the contest will offer over $25,000 in cash prizes. Contest kits were mailed out in February to all groups who requested them last year. New groups interested in entering can write to ACGA, Box 93147, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Deadline for entries is June 15th.

Don't miss this opportunity to put your garden in the winner's circle.

BURPEE OPENS GARDEN STORE

The people at Burpee Seeds have been in the mail order business for a long time, offering gardeners reliable and prompt service. Burpee now has a retail store at their headquarters in Warminster. There, gardeners can find all the vegetable and flower seeds, as well as garden supplies, listed in their catalog.

STORE LOCATION: 300 Park Avenue, Warminster
between Street Road (Rte. 132) and
County Line Road

The store hours are:

Mon. - Thursday:	9:30 - 5:30
Friday:	9:30 - 8:00
Saturday:	8:30 - 5:00
Sunday:	12:00 - 4:00

By summer, the Burpee demonstration gardens, covering about 7 acres, will be filled with a wide variety of flowers and vegetables. Plan a visit out there. You'll be glad you did.

THE GREENING OF WILMINGTON

People involved in the community gardening effort in Wilmington are gearing up for a busy spring. Newly sprouted projects will include community vegetable gardens, a sitting garden, street trees on commercial and residential blocks and garden blocks. Wilmington is greening up!

CLEAN-UP RALLY

Calling all block captains. The Mayor's Clean-up Rally is set for Saturday, April 27th at the Philadelphia Civic Center's Pennsylvania Hall, from 12 noon to 2:00 PM. PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff members will be on hand in the Gardenmobile to give out free seeds and gardening tips. Hope to see you there.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

Workshops on making Edible Arrangements were held at two Green The School Grounds projects, Franklin Learning Center and Benjamin Franklin High School.

Members of the Francisville Greene Countrie Towne met recently to work out plans for the spring. It looks like an exciting season.

Hal Rosner
District Coordinator

George Fernandez
Assistant District Coordinator

North Philadelphia/East of Broad and South Philadelphia

Two community groups sponsored Edible Arrangement workshops in in North Philadelphia: Kensington Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Little Neighborhood Center.

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of John Boyd, head of the 23rd and Greenwich Sitting Garden in Point Breeze. Mr. Boyd will be missed by his neighbors and those of us who had the pleasure of working with him.

Anne Vallery
District Coordinator

Jeannine Vannais
Assistant District Coordinator

West Philadelphia

Lord's Hall at 63rd and Lancaster hosted one Edible Arrangement workshop.

Jeff Myers
District Coordinator

GARDENING TIPS

CHECK SEEDLINGS: Give seedlings growing indoors enough moisture and light. If seedlings meet an early death from fungus, try sterilized soil the next time you sow seeds.

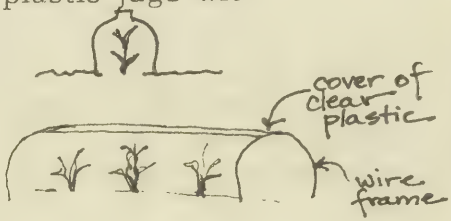
START INDOORS: Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, leeks and parsley.

PLANT IN THE GARDEN: Lettuce, onion sets, peas, radishes, spinach and turnips.

TENDER PLANT NIGHT PROTECTION: Use plastic jugs with bottoms cut off for individual plants

OR

Make a plastic tunnel or cloche to protect a number of plants at one time.



WATER TREES AND SHRUBS: thoroughly when temperatures remain above 32°F when there hasn't been any rain or melting snow.

FINISH GARDEN CLEAN-UP: Cut off dead flower stalks at ground level. Bring in new supply of soil and mulch. Turn over the soil as long as it isn't too wet. If you can't wait and the soil is still too wet, using a board to step on will distribute your weight and not compact the wet soil while you work.

FREE SEEDS

Obtain vegetable, herb and flower seeds for community-sponsored projects just for the cost of postage and handling. These free seeds, packed in 1984, have 85-90% germination rates. Write for a request form today:

America the Beautiful Fund
219 Shoreham Building
Washington, DC 20005

GARDEN TILLING SERVICE

We know two community gardeners who rototill other gardens for a fee. If you'd like some help call:

Benjamin Butler	879-8439
John Willis	225-8475

If you or anyone you know run a rototilling service, let us know and we'll pass the word.

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST

This year's ACGA-Glad Bags sponsored contest will offer over $25,000 in cash prizes. Contest kits were recently mailed out to all groups who requested them last year. New vegetable gardening groups wishing to enter can write directly to ACGA, Box 93147, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 or fill in the coupon below and return to PHILADELPHIA GREEN by May 15th. Deadline for completed entry kits is June 15th.

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NAME _____ TEL # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

GARDEN LOCATION: _____

MAIL TO: ACGA/GLAD CONTEST
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
325 Walnut Street
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AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

DEAR FRIENDS

We finally made it -- Spring is here at last!! The greys and browns of winter are being replaced by hues of yellow, pink, white and green, and none too soon. Congratulations to all gardeners for holding on so long. Get out there, dig in and enjoy!

Patricia
Editor

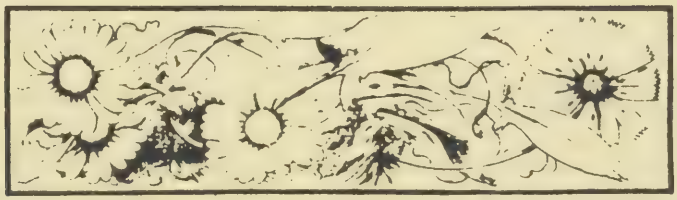
CLEAN UP RALLY

DATE: Saturday, April 27th

TIME: 12 noon to 2:00 PM

PLACE: Pennsylvania Hall
Philadelphia Civic Center
34th & Civic Center Boulevard

Put this date on your calendar and we'll see you there. Staff will be on hand to give out free seeds and gardening information.



SPRING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Check your workshop brochure for information on location and fee, or call 625-8280. Prepayment is required to save a spot for yourself and your gardening friends.

April 13th	Garden Management	9 AM to 12:30 PM

Last year's workshop was so successful, we're planning another. We hope to see some of the leaders from new gardens at this one to discuss how you organize your gardening group. Free seeds to workshop participants.

April 17th	Smedley School Garden Tour	
April 20th	Garden Center Field Trip	9 AM to 3 PM

We're planning to make a trip to Snipes Farm and Nursery in Morrisville, PA, where a multitude of garden plants await you. Then we'll go on to Burpee's Retail Store and the wide array of seeds and supplies they have for sale there. There will be room on the bus for your purchases. Bring along a covered dish to share for lunch.

April 27th	Celebrate Arbor Day at a Street Tree Workshop	10 AM to Noon
May 4th	Garden Construction	1 to 3 PM
May 11th	Gardening in Sun & Shade	1 to 3 PM
May 18th	Pruning	1 to 3 PM

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

It's safe to say that this year's show, *"A Touch of Britain"*, was a bloomin' success. A special favorite for the Flower Show crowds was our very own PHILADELPHIA GREEN exhibit, *"Community Gardening - Bigger Than You Think."* The larger-than-life pea pods, photo-display and plantings were a hit thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Flower Show Exhibit Committee, chaired by **Willie Mae Bullock**: **Rena Ennis, Ruth Flounders, Frank Kieser, James LaRosa, Eugene Szymkowiak** and **Sharon Turner.** Thanks also to the more than 40 volunteers who staffed our exhibit for the run of the Show.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Entry forms for the 1985 City Gardens Contest are being mailed out in late April to all member groups of PHILADELPHIA GREEN. All first and second year groups will automatically be entered in the contest.

A special Spring Workshop for contest entrants is set for Saturday, May 4th. Participants will talk about soil, soil tests and compost, pest and disease control, growing herbs and using innovative gardening techniques. For information and registration, call Jean Byall, Contest Coordinator, at 625-8267.

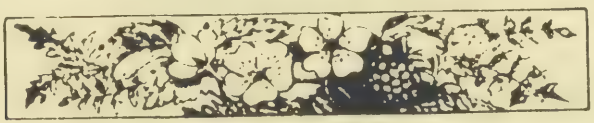
GARDEN SUPPLIES SERVICE

'Tis the season to be gardening. In case you've come up short on supplies, check out our Garden Supplies Order Form. If you don't see something you want, let us know and we'll try to find it for you. If you need help in filling out the form, call 625-8280.

DEADLINE: April 15th

PLANT SALE

Order forms are just being sent out for our Spring Plant Sale (for vegetables and flowers). Participating groups should send in prepaid orders by **Monday, April 22nd**.



WHAT'S NEW WITH US

Ron Owens is the newest member of our crew, joining **Pablo Espada** and **Charles Bryant**. Ron hails from Mantua and has experience in light construction and house remodeling.

SEED SALE AS FUND-RAISER

Order seeds in bulk - 8 seed packets in a family pack, with 100 family packs in a case @ $56 per case (7¢ per packet) to re-sell for fund-raising. To order seeds, contact:

Greene Valley Gardens
P.O. Box 158
Greene, NY 13778
(607) 656-4109

SOLAR IN THE GARDENS

Grass Roots Alliance for a Solar Pennsylvania (GRASP) is working with PHILADELPHIA GREEN to warm up some gardens this spring. GRASP will help gardeners build solar greenhouses for year-round gardening at two locations this spring. There'll be more about the new greenhouses in our May issue.

SHARE-A-PLANT

Pearl Romans, chair of the City Gardens Contest Committee, has some flower seedlings and small houseplants to share. Call her at 477-6767 for more information.

Point Breeze Green-thumber **Haroldline Trower** has a limited number of perennial flowers to share from her garden. Call her at 463-4907 to make arrangements to pick up plants.

Ruth Flounders is looking for a seed source for 'Scotch Bonnet' Pepper. If you have any, call her at 386-5091.

SPRING SHOOTS

In between your spring gardening chores, plan a visit to one of Philadelphia's many garden spots. There's lots to see at:

AWBURY ARBORETUM (Germantown)
Chew at Washington Lane Telephone: 843-5592

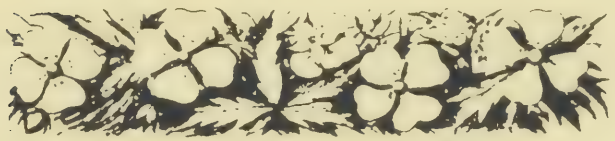
Began in 1852 as a private estate; designed as as an English landscape garden.

Open dawn to dusk - Free admission
SEPTA buses X and SH

MORRIS ARBORETUM (Chesnut Hill)
Hillcrest Avenue between Germantown and Stenton
Telephone: 242-3399

Another arboretum which started as a private estate. Has fine collection of trees native to Asia.

Open 9 AM to 5 PM (except to 4 PM November to March)
$2.00 admission
SEPTA 23 to top of Chestnut Hill (Germantown Avenue and Bethlehem Pike), then transfer to SEPTA L marked Plymouth Meeting Mall to Hillcrest and Germantown Avenues.



WOODCHIPS * WOODCHIPS * WOODCHIPS

Aspen Farms, 49th and Aspen, has a woodchip surplus they'd like to share with other gardeners. You're welcome to take from the piles located outside of the garden fence.

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Try your luck in Challenge Classes!!

WHAT'S IN A CHALLENGE CLASS?

All entries are grown from the same variety of seeds. Entries are judged according to quality, size, condition and whether they're typical of the variety.

THIS YEAR, ALL ENTRIES MUST BE CONTAINER-GROWN. Challenge Class Growing tips will be sent with the free seeds you request. Quantities are limited so call Alexandra at 625-8285 to order yours today.

CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS AND SUGGESTED PLANTING DATES:

1.	Pepper. 'Tequila Sunrise'	by May 15	one plant per container
2.	Basil. 'Spicy Globe'	by May 15	
3.	Japanese Greens. 'Mizuna'	by July 15	
4.	Ornamental Pepper. 'Jigsaw'	by May 15	
5.	Dahlberg Daisy. 'Golden Fleece'	by April 30	more than one plant to a container

If you're entering vegetetables or flowers in the Harvest Show:

Adjust planting dates so your entries can be at their peak of maturity for the Show on September 28th and 29th. This may mean planting some varieties a little later than usual. For planting information on specific varieties - call Penn State's Urban Gardening Program at 276-5183.

GARDEN INTERNS NEWS

Garden Interns recently completed their winter training which began in mid-January and are all looking forward to working with PHILADELPHIA GREEN member groups in the upcoming months.

The interns will be working in specific districts along with the coordinators and their assistants:

NORTH/WEST OF BROAD

Janet Ferrell
Leon Johnson
Naomi Kaplan
Adeline Stanfield

SOUTH & NORTH/EAST OF BROAD

Sandra Calhoun
Denise Jefferson
William Johnson

WEST AND NORTHWEST

Westley Mack
Derrick Robinson
Barbara Wagner
Louise Webster

GARDEN TILLING SERVICES

Benjamin Butler - 879-8439

John Willis - 225-8475

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

WEST/NORTHWEST

The Philadelphia Tribune, Pepsi-Cola, and the Office of Community Development jointly honored **Ella D. Francis**, president of the Parkside Association and member of our Advisory Board. Ella was named *"Citizen of the Year"* for her outstanding community service. Congratulations for a well-deserved award.

The Friendly Group Gardeners of St. Rose of Lima's parrish have a special reason to celebrate this spring. Earlier this year, they submitted a proposal to Gardens For All and were selected winners of a grant for senior gardeners. Their winnings include tools, a wheelbarrow, seeds, books and an award sign to post in their garden. **Fr. Steve Perzan**, assistant pastor at St. Rose's and PG Advisory Board member, tells us that it was a phone call from **Dorothy Riesdorph**, another Advisory Board member, that tipped him off about the Gardens For All contest. Thanks for your help, Dorothy.

SOUTH

The Point Breeze Federation has found a new home at 1248 S 21st Street. Their recently acquired rowhouse, currently under rennovation, is due for completion by late April. After that, the Federation and its Beautification Committee will create a new garden in the backyard of their building and an adjoining lot facing nearby Titan Street. Titan Terrace will be the setting for various community activities, and will be a beautiful addition to the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne.

NORTH

Community greening projects continue in North Philadelphia as 15 curbside planters were installed at the request of the Philadelphia Community Rehabilitation Corporation (PCRC). These planters were installed at various locations on the 2200 and 2300 blocks of N Woodstock Street and 2200 N 21st Street. The area covered by PCRC is located right next to the West Hagert Greene Countrie Towne.

GARDENING TIPS FOR

Plant cool weather crops (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce) out in the garden.

Start seeds of warm weather plants indoors by mid-April (tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, basil, marigolds).

Prune dead or broken branches on trees (except for walnut, maple and birch) and deciduous shrubs that have already bloomed.

Divide perennials and replant clumps in other sections of the garden.

Finish pruning evergreens.

Late April: Begin planting new woody and perennial materials.

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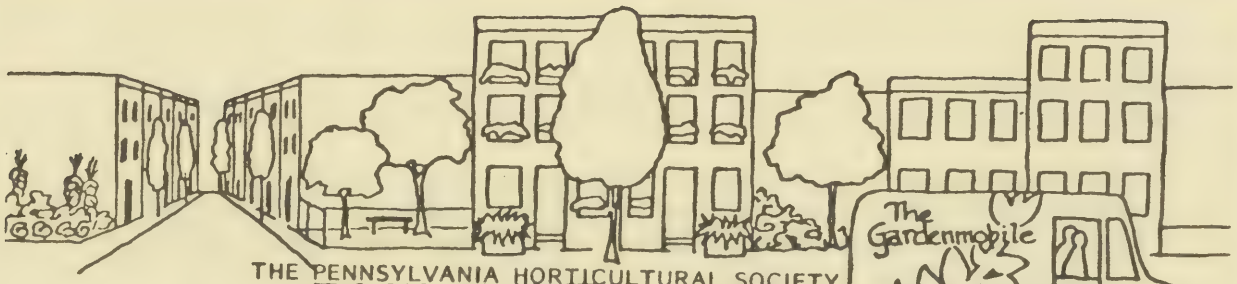

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENING CONTEST DEADLINE JUNE 1st

With just a month left to enter your community garden in the ACGA-Glad Bags Garden Contest, time is running out. You can enter your garden in one of the following categories and possibly win some of the cash prizes totaling over $25,000: large vegetable, small vegetable, new vegetable and special populations (including children). Call us at 625-8280 or fill in the form below if you need an application. The conte deadline is June 1st (correction from June 15th).

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NAME_____TEL #_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

GARDEN LOCATION_____

MAIL TO: ACGA/GLAD CONTEST
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

DEAR FRIENDS:

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April showers may bring May flowers, but what do you think may happen with April frosts and the dry weather we've had in the past month? Whatever the weather, it's always amazing to see how plants adjust to the situation.

I hope you can take a trip with us to the Morris Arboretum on Saturday, June 8th ($5.00 per person). The Arboretum is filled with flowering trees and shrubs of every description, arranged in a beautifully landscaped setting. Call us at 625-8280 for more information.

Patricia
Editor

SPRING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

May 4th	Garden Construction (South Philadelphia)	1 to 3 pm
May 11th	Gardening in Sun & Shade (North Philadelphia)	1 to 3 pm
May 18th	Pruning Trees and Shrubs (South Philadelphia)	1 to 3 pm

All three of these workshops will be held at garden sites around the City.

June 8th	Field trip to Morris Arboretum	
June 10th	The Urban Environment (Norris Square Neighborhood Project)	

Check your workshop brochure for specific information on location and fee for all these workshops. Registration is required to save a place for your and your gardening friends.

FREE SEEDS

We'll be giving away a limited supply of FREE SEEDS to PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardening groups only (1 pack of 9 seed packets per garden) either April 29th or May 3rd.

Since supplies are limited, call to reserve your garden's family pack and schedule a time to pick up the seeds at the PHILADELPHIA GREEN office.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

We look forward to having your garden or block entered in the City Gardens Contest this year, whether you've been a regular in years past, or yours is a newly started project. All contest entries are due back to us by June 10th.

Around this time every year, we put out a special mailing to invite new people to sign up as contest judges. We hope you have the time this year to join us on the judging team. Call Jean Byall, Contest Coordinator, 625-8267 for more information.

PLANT SALE PICKUP

PLACE: Horticulture Center
Fairmount Park

DATES: May 7 - Groups from North Philadelphia
May 8 - Groups from Northwest, West and South Philadelphia

PREPAID ORDERS ONLY

CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

City Council will consider the refunding of PHILADELPHIA GREEN at hearings sometime in late May or early June. We will send out a special mailing soon to enlist your support with letters, petitions and phone calls to City Council members.

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS NEWS

Our budding horticulturists are busy this spring working on their own gardens. The gardeners at Smedley School, Bridge and Charles Streets, recently hosted a tour of their beautiful gardens in Frankford... A number of participating schools have already entered the third annual Maintenance Contest. If you're part of GTSG and you haven't entered yet, just give us a call at 625-8280.

GARDEN TILLING

Benjamin Butler	-	879-8439
John Willis	-	225-8475
Rev. Reeves	-	877-4130

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Do you consider yourself a Garden Gourmet?

All it takes is a gardener who grows the main ingredient in her or his own garden and who can cook up a recipe for one of these tasty treats:

1. Yeast-raised Herb Bread (1 loaf)
2. Squash Pie (1 pie)
3. Vegetable Muffins (1 dozen)

We'd like to have your recipe along with your entry by July 1st.

Need some more tempting?

Look for some lip-smacking recipes in our June newsletter to help spark the creation of your own mouth-watering variations.

Early Registration For Special Classes

Start now to plan and plant for Harvest Table and Bounty by the Basket classes. Send in your Harvest Table entry by June 1st. Have questions about these and other special classes? Call Alexandra, 625-8285 for more information.

Plant the following Challenge Class seeds by May 15:

Jigsaw Pepper
Tequila Sunrise Pepper
Spicy Globe Basil

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

The gardeners at prize-winning Garden of Eatin', 25th and Dickinson, will be spending even more time in their garden this year. GRASP (the Grass Roots Alliance for a Solar Pennsylvania) is helping the gardeners construct a free-standing greenhouse there. The gardeners will be able to use the greenhouse to start seeds earlier in the spring and to extend the growing season later into the fall.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The password this spring in the Francisville Greene Countrie Towne is lotscapes. What are lotscapes, you may ask. A weedy, trash-strewn lot that will, over several seasons, be transformed by trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables, and a great deal of hard work, into sources of renewed community pride. This spring, with eight groups launching lotscapes, everything's coming up greener in Francisville.

Neighbors are planting street trees on five new blocks this spring:

2500 N 32nd 2900 N 25th 3000 N 25th
2400 N Colorado 2200 W Cumberland

WEST PHILADELPHIA

The gardeners at 4635 Girard Avenue had started working their site last fall and were very shocked last month when a neighboring business, Sketchley Services, Inc., bought the property to allow for future building expansion. Recently, the gardeners and Sketchley reached an agreement which will allow the temporary use of the site for gardening. Sketchley plans to meet with the gardeners soon to develop an attractive planting of trees and shrubs along the front of the garden.

GARDENING TIPS FOR

Plant transplants of vegetables and flowers after last frost date (around March 15).

Check condition of mulch. If rotted down, get more from Fairmount Park's Recycling Center, Ford Road, near Strawberry Mansion Bridge. Call MU6-1776, ext. 81-271 for more information.

Clear mulch layer away from base of each shrub or tree.

Loosen soil around base of each plant, out to drip line (at end of branches).

Apply an organic fertilizer such as blood meal (nitrogen), bone meal (phosphorus) and wood ash (potassium) or a synthetic fertilizer (5-10-5 or 5-10-10) around the base of each plant and work into the top few inches of the soil without disturbing the roots.

Weeding: Make sure you have carefully identified all annual and perennial flower seedlings to avoid pulling them out along with unwanted weeds.

SHARE-A-PLANT

Sharon Turner and Willie Mae Bullock of the 2100 block N 20th Street have a number of perennials to share including Snow-in-Summer, Iris and Veronica. Call them at 232-1230 to arrange a time for pick-up.

Lew Allen of Aspen Farms, 49th and Aspen tells us that cuttings can be taken this spring from their many trees and shrubs. Call Lew at 877-5693 for more information.

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NATIONAL COOK-OFF

Have you entered your favorite recipe in the ACGA/Glad Contest Recipe Search - a reward for your efforts "from garden to Kitchen." Type or print the recipe on a 8"x10" piece of paper and send along with your name, address and phone number to:

ACGA/Glad Contest Recipe Search
230 Park Avenue - Suite 1236
New York, NY 10169-0011

DEADLINE: June 1st

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

June 1st is the deadline for the ACGA-Glad National Community Gardening Contest. Send your entry in TODAY!

Dear Friends,

The hottest (and driest) news right now is the drought. Even if the weather gets wetter, we're still way behind for the season and drought emergency restrictions are in effect. See the Gardening tips on the last page for some ideas on making the most of a limited water supply. If you have any questions about bringing your plants through the drought, call me at 625-8280.

Patricia
Editor

WORKSHOPS, TRIPS, GARDEN TOURS, ETC.

We hope you've signed up for our trip to the Morris Arboretum, June 8th. The 40 people who went on the Snipes Nursery trip in April had a good time buying shrubs, herbs, flowers, vegetables and seeds. They also collected lots of good garden ideas.

We've already planned our summer/fall activities. We'll soon be sending out a complete calendar for July through October.

June 10th	The Urban Environment (Norris Square Neighborhood Project)
July 13	Harvest Show Workshop
July 16	Open Garden Night (West Philadelphia)
July 26	West Shore GCT dedication
July 31	Garden tour by van
August 14	Summer Gardening Workshop
September 14	Extending the Growing Season
September 28,29	Harvest Show
October 25	Community Recognition Dinner

YOU ARE INVITED

The members of the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne Committee

Charlotte Donald, Chair
Irene Johnson
Marian Jones
Helen Feggans, President,
West Shore Civic Corp.
Mattie Robbins
Charles Truxon
Lucille Washington

are sending you a special invitation to the dedication of their Greene Countrie Towne, Friday, July 26th at 3 PM. The celebration will take place on the 4500 to 4600 blocks of Linmore Avenue, just south of Woodland Avenue.

WHAT'S NEW AT PHILADELPHIA GREEN

Hal Rosner, long-time District Coordinator in North Philadelphia/West of Broad has just left for a new job at the Morris Arboretum where he'll be helping care for trees. Good Luck, Hal!

George Fernandez continues as Assistant District Coordinator for North Philadelphia/West of Broad.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST
Deadline for entries: June 10th.

GARDEN INTERNS

The interns has been putting what they learned last winter to work helping folks plant up their neighborhoods this spring. Soon they'll start visiting blocks and gardens to see how everyone's getting on.

NORTH/WEST OF BROAD

Janet Ferrell
Leon Johnson
Naomi Kaplan
Adeline Stanfield

SOUTH & NORTH/EAST OF BROAD

Sandra Calhoun
Denise Jefferson
William Johnson

WEST AND NORTHWEST

Westley Mack
Derrick Robinson
Barbara Wagner
Louise Webster

SUMMER HOURS
for the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday, (till Labor Day)

JUNE

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

WHEN: September 28th and 29th
COMMUNITY GARDENERS HARVEST PARTY
Saturday, September 28th - 6 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center

- Watch the mail for your Harvest Show Booklet. Remember to pass along information about the Show to other members of your gardening group. YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON FROM YOUR GROUP TO GET A COPY.

- NEW IN 1985
  Harvest Show Booklets will not be sent to all PHILADELPHIA GREEN groups this year (only vegetable gardens, sitting gardens, or lotscapes). If you want a copy, call Betty or Alexandra at 625-8280 and we'll mail you one.

JUNE TIP - Start Marigolds and Zinnias June 15-30 for good bloom and foliage at Harvest Show time.

HARVEST SHOW SUMMER WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 13, at PHS, 325 Walnut Street.
Pre-registration with $1.00 fee required.

HARVEST SHOW COMMITTEE:

Ruth Flounders, Co-chair	Frank Kieser, Co-chair	
Beverly Agard	Wilhelmina Bradshaw	Jessie Carter
Berdina Cornish	Willie Mae Bullock	Dora Cornish
Charlotte Elsner	Blanche Epps	Charles Evers
Nancy Grove	Louise Mathis	Edna Jones
Almina Smelley	Estella Williams	Sharon Turner

TIPS ON GROWING IN CONTAINERS

Arrange plant containers close together. Leaves will shade the pots, helping to counteract the drying effects of the summer sun.

Sink clay pots in the ground (no deeper thank the rim of the container) to help save moisture.

Lift each sunken pot from time to time to make sure the roots don't grow down through the drainage hole.

Give plants enough growing room. Repot plants as needed to leave space for the roots.

Containers dry out quickly, so expect to water every day, sometimes twice a day in hot weather.

Since frequent watering washes out soil nutrients, fertilize once every week or two. Use Peter's or Miracle Gro once a week at the package's recommended strength.

HERBS

Herb classes listed in the Harvest Show booklet include fragrant, culinary, and dried herbs. A LIST OF COMMON NAMES IS REQUIRED FOR EACH ENTRY.

Botanical names increase the chances of winning a blue ribbon. Call Charlotte Elsner at 222-4491 for help in identifying herbs.

RECIPE - HERB VINEGAR (enter in Preserved Products classes)

Place herbs in wide-mouthed jar and cover with vinegar.

Leave in sunny location for two weeks or until full flavor has developed.

Strain out herbs and rebottle in nice containers with a sprig or two of fresh herbs.

Suggested combinations:

White vinegar with sweet basil, dark opal basil, or tarragon.

Cider vinegar with dill flowers and leaves.

Red wine vinegar with dill and basil.

TIPS FOR HARVESTING HERBS

In general, herbs are most flavorful before flowering; herbs like oregano and mint can be allowed to flower for use in wreaths or arrangements.

FOR DRYING

- Gather before sun is strong, tie ends and dry upside down in bunches in a dark place with good air circulation until leaves are crisp.
- Strip leaves and store in jars for cooking, or wrap whole sprig in tissue paper for use in wreaths and arrangements.
- Some herbs, like parsley and chervil, don't air dry well but can be dried on lowest oven setting.

Cut herbs should be put in water immediately after picking and brought to the Show in a water filled container. (You supply your own container to exhibit in Herb Classes.)

THE GARDEN GOURMET

Try this Vegetable Muffin recipe - one of the 1985 Harvest Show's Baked Goods Classes. Use different vegetables to create your own Blue Ribbon winner.

Pre-registration by July 1 must include your recipe.
(Classes have limit of 6 entries)

Zucchini, Cheese, and Herb Muffins
(from Lois Burpee's Gardener's Companion & Cookbook)

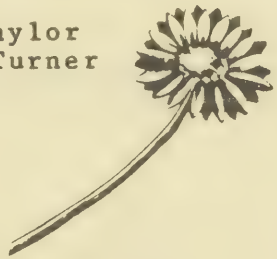
- 3 cups flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup grated sharp cheddar
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 tbs chopped parsley
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup grated onion
- 1 cup shredded zucchini
- 3 tbs grated parmesan cheese
- 5 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp marjoram
- 1/3 cup butter
- 2 eggs

Mix together flour, zucchini, sugar, cheeses, baking powder, baking soda, salt, marjoram, parsley. Melt butter, stir in buttermilk, eggs, and onion, and stir until smooth. Stir into flour mixture until just blended (mixture may seem dry). Drop by spoonfuls into greased muffin pans, filling each about 1/2 full. Bake muffins at 350° for 15 minutes for small muffins and 25 minutes for 2 inch muffin cups. (Or spread entire mixture into greased 9x5x3 pan and bake 55-60 minutes.)

GARDEN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

More than 50 garden leaders came to the recent Garden Management Workshop co-sponsored by Penn State's URBAN GARDENING and PHILADELPHIA GREEN. A special thanks goes to the following people who led the discussion groups:

Lew Allen	Evelyn Forbes	James Taylor
Rachel Bagby	Almina Smelley	Sharon Turner



GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The students at three public schools will be making new gardens at their schools next fall. Planning committees of six schools composed of students, teachers and parents submitted their ideas to PHILADELPHIA GREEN this spring and the following three schools were selected:

Steel Elementary (Nicetown)
Nebinger Elementary (Bella Vista)
Bache-Martin School (Fairmount)

PLANT SALE

108 groups purchased plants through our recent sale. Folks bought just about the same number of vegetables, but many more flowers than they did last year, with petunias still our top sellers.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

We'd like to say welcome to the following groups that have joined PHILADELPHIA GREEN, starting new projects this spring:

SITTING GARDENS

1320-24 S 53rd
2314-16 N Fawn
1419 N 57th

STREET TREES/WINE BARRELS

2500 N 32nd
3000 N 25th
2200 Cumberland
1400 S Chadwick
2900 N 25th
2400 N Colorado
5100 Locust

VEGETABLE GARDENS

1242 S 19th
1759 Wylie
39 W Seymour
4556-60 N Bouvier
615 Emily
1306-08 S 24th
4635 Girard
3946 Brown
1510-22 N 58th
1805 N 18th
2320, 2337-39 N 20th
2230-32 Carlisle
1900 Ringgold
2059 Pierce
3945 Apsen
4532 Colorado
5559 Crowson
1935 N Palethorpe
928 W French
1947-49 N Mutter
2104 W Venango
2046-48 N Bodine
1000 S 4th
2517-19 Arizona
64th & Market
1642 Louden
2263 N 22nd
SEC Hancock & Fairmount

GARDENING TIPS

SAVE WATER! The drought emergency limits garden watering to early morning (before 9 AM and after 5 PM) and only with a hand-held hose or bucket. The following tips will help keep your ornamental and edible plants growing through the drought:

WATER UNTIL THE SOIL AROUND EACH PLANT IS TOTALLY SATURATED.

MULCH WITH 2 TO 3 INCHES OF WOODCHIPS OR ROTTED LEAVES, NEWSPAPER SEVERAL SHEETS THICK OR SHEETS OF BLACK PLASTIC.

REDUCE AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER. THE MORE VIGOROUS THE PLANT, THE MORE WATER IT NEEDS.

STORE WATER IN BARRELS OR DRUMS. USE COVER OR SCREENING OVER TOP TO PREVENT MOSQUITOES FROM BREEDING. NOTE: PUTTING SEVERAL LARGE GOLD FISH INTO THE DRUM WILL KEEP THE MOSQUITOES UNDER CONTROL.

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OPEN GARDENS EVENING

WHEN: Tuesday, July 16
6:30 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Aspen Farms
49th & Aspen (2 blocks north of Haverford Ave)

Gardeners from ASPEN FARMS and several other gardens in the vicinity are inviting all of PHILADELPHIA GREEN to visit them on the evening of July 16. A walking tour of the neighborhood will give everyone a view of beautifully maintained vegetable plots and colorful garden beds filled with flowers, shrubs and trees.

Send in your registration form today or call us at 625-8280. It's an evening you won't want to miss.

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OPEN GARDENS EVENING, JULY 16th

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____ZIP_____

NO. of people attending_____

RETURN TO: PHILADELPHIA GREEN/PHS
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

DEAR FRIENDS,

Summer's always a good time to greet old friends and meet some new ones. We know you'll be working hard out in the garden and on the block this summer, but we do hope you'll take time out to enjoy the Open Gardens evening, the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne Dedication and the summer workshops.

Patricia
Editor

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

Keep these dates open for some fun summer gardening. Check the Summer/Fall Activities List that we recently sent you for more information or call us at 625-8280.

Saturday, July 13
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
PHS, 325 Walnut St.

HARVEST SHOW WORKSHOP
Fee: $1.00
Deadline: July 1st

Wednesday, July 31
9 AM - 3 PM
Leave and return
to PHS

SPECIAL GARDEN TOUR
Limit: 10 people
Fee: $2.00
Deadline: July 15

Wednesday, August 14
4:30 - 6:30 PM
1929-31 Reed Street

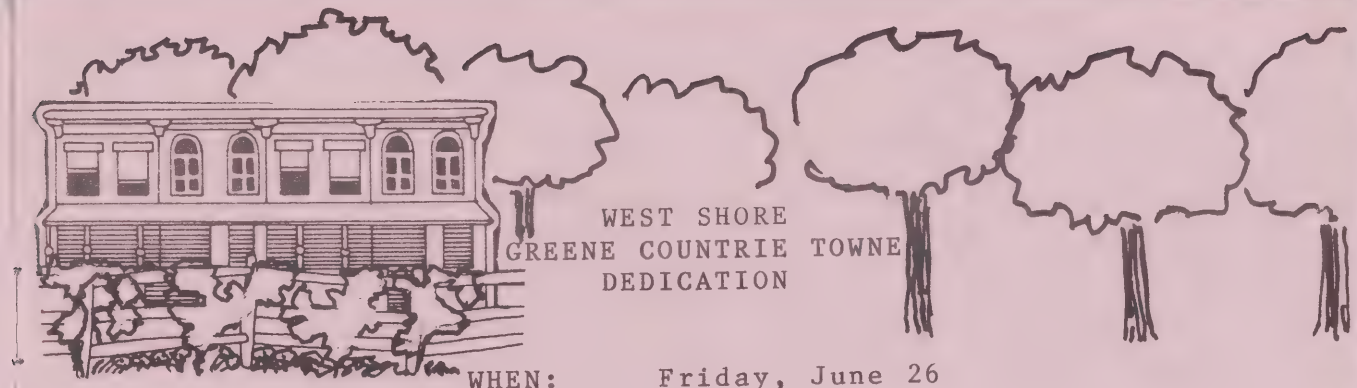
SUMMER GARDENING WORKSHOP
Fee: $1.00
Deadline: July 31

READY, SET, GROW - CITY GARDENS CONTEST BEGINS

The contest entries are in.

The judges will call several days ahead to say when they'll be out to visit.

If you've entered the contest, just keep working hard to make yours a prize-winning garden.



WEST SHORE
GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE
DEDICATION

WHEN: Friday, June 26

WHERE: Linmore Avenue - from 47th through 46th Streets
(1 block south of Woodland Ave)
in Southwest Philadelphia

The Mayor and other city dignitaries, community residents, PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners and Advisory Board members will join together to celebrate the completion of the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne with the ceremonial placing of the last fence post at 4656-62 Linmore Avenue. Guests will then tour the gardens and green blocks around the neighborhood.
WE HOPE YOU ALL COME!

All the good greening work in West Shore has led to an exciting development. The Enterprise Foundation from Columbia, MD, has come to Philadelphia to develop a non-profit, private housing rehab in low income communities and has selected West Shore as one of its first neighborhoods. PHILADELPHIA GREEN, the Philadelphia Rehab Plan and the Institute for the Study of Civic Values will be working with Enterprise to develop the model program initially in 3 neighborhoods.
CONGRATS, WEST SHORE!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Two Philadelphia senior citizen groups recently won grants awarded to to a total of 125 groups nationwide by the National Gardening Association. Grants of garden supplies valued at $500 were given to: St. Rose of Lima Parrish/Friendly Group Gardeners and the Center for Older Adults - Northwest. Congratulations to everyone involved.

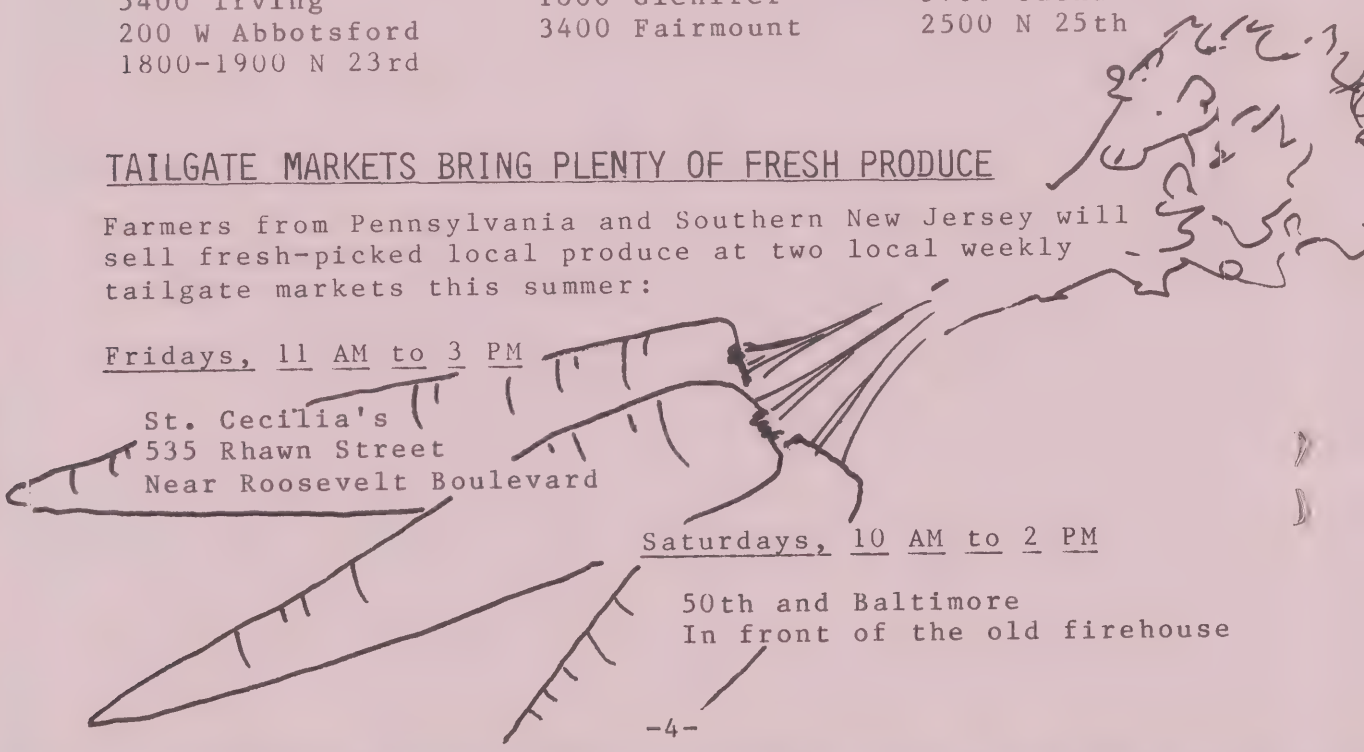
This spring, Provident National Bank has given support to two new projects located in neighborhoods close to bank branches: 1642 Louden (vegetable garden) and 5400 Irving (garden block).

We'd like to welcome the following garden blocks that joined us this spring:

2800 Cantrell
2800 Jackson
4500 N Marvine
5400 Irving
200 W Abbotsford
1800-1900 N 23rd
2800 Snyder
3900 N Darien
1700-1800 Orthodox
1800 Glenifer
3400 Fairmount
2800 Winton
2000 Watkins
700 W Rockland
5900 Catharine
2500 N 25th

TAILGATE MARKETS BRING PLENTY OF FRESH PRODUCE

Farmers from Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey will sell fresh-picked local produce at two local weekly tailgate markets this summer:



Fridays, 11 AM to 3 PM

St. Cecilia's
535 Rhawn Street
Near Roosevelt Boulevard

Saturdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

50th and Baltimore
In front of the old firehouse

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

PLANT 'MIZUNA' JAPANESE GREENS
for Challenge Classes.

REGISTER FOR HARVEST SHOW WORKSHOP,
SATURDAY, JULY 13.
Deadline: July 1 Fee: $1.00

MAKE A HARVEST SHOW SCARECROW
With the Show theme being
"Harvest Rainbow," a scarecrow
dressed as a character from the
WIZARD OF OZ would fit right in!

Your scarecrow can be built just for the show or live in your garden all summer.

TIPS FOR PRESERVED PRODUCTS
Here's what the judges look for when they give prizes for jams, vinegars, jellies and relishes:

Clear liquids; perfection of material

Good flavor (jars may be opened for tasting)

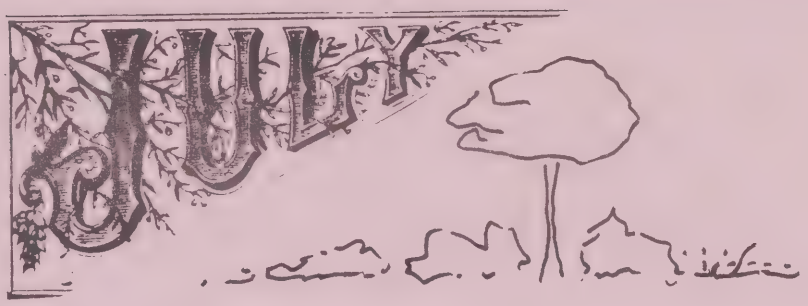
Uniformity, color and arrangement in jar

Same size clear glass containers with suitable labels

All canned products must be heat sealed in a hot water bath or pressure canner

Entries must be processed (but need not be grown) by exhibitor

GARDENING TIPS FOR



WATERING

TREES AND SHRUBS

HOW OFTEN: New plantings: every 3 to 4 days
Established plantings: about once a week

HOW MUCH: Depends on the amount of rainfall each week. Allow soil to soak up enough water to reach the deeper roots.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWERS

HOW OFTEN: In some cases, these plants need more frequent watering than trees or shrubs.

HOW MUCH: Remember to thoroughly soak soil.

CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS

HOW OFTEN & HOW MUCH: Depends on 1) the type of plant
2) the amount of sunlight and air temperature
3) the type of soil (SANDY dries out faster than CLAY)

You know the soil is soaked thoroughly when the water comes out the bottom of the container. In hot weather, you may sometimes need to water containers twice a day.

TRY MULCHING

3 inch layer of organic mulch (shredded leaves, woodchips or straw) keeps the soil moist and reduces the number of weeds.

A nitrogen fertilizer (such as BLOOD MEAL) replaces the nitrogen which is used up as the mulch decays.

Layers of newspaper or sheets of black plastic also work as mulch.

BLOOMING FLOWERS

Annual flowers (those you replant every year) like petunias, marigolds or geraniums put out more flowers if you pinch out each wilted flower with its stem back to the next closest set of leaves.

BUG BUSTERS

Have bugs or diseases on your plants and don't know what to do? Call the BUG BUSTERS:

1) Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's HOTLINE
   922-8043
   9:30 AM to Noon, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

2) Penn State's URBAN GARDENING
   276-5183, Mon - Fri, 9 AM to 5 PM

KEEP PLANTS HEALTHY

Remove damaged or diseased leaves, flowers or fruit and water regularly.

BURPEES OFFERS DROUGHT TIPS

Burpee Seed will mail a free copy of their "10 Tips for Gardening Success in Drought" to anyone who sends them a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

Their address is: W. Atlee Burpee Company
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974

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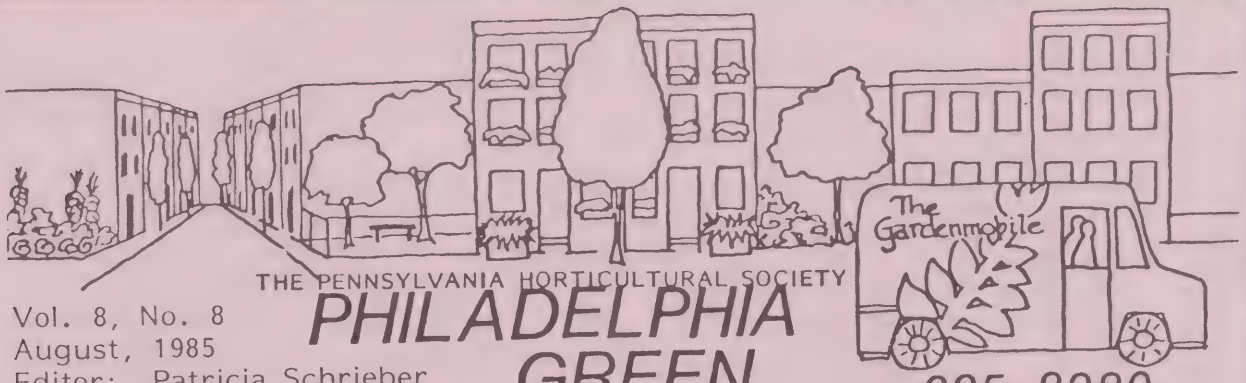

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WHAT'S NEW

SALLY McCABE recently joined our staff as District Coordinator for West and Northwest Philadelphia. Sally will be familiar to many of you because of her eight years with Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program.

JUANITA WOOTEN, a graduate of our Garden Interns Program has been working with us part-time over the past two years and is now a full-time Special Projects Coordinator for our new program with the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

LENNY TANZYMORE had been working on a temporary basis since early spring as Garden Assistant in West and Northwest Philadelphia. Lenny is now a full-time Assistant Coordinator, working with Sally McCabe.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Here's wishing you a midsummer's dream for your garden... bug-free and well-mulched, filled with bushels of tomatoes, zucchini, beans, eggplant and corn, sprinkled with sunflowers, marigolds, cosmos and zinnia. We hope to see you all at our activities coming up in the next few months.

Patricia
Editor

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

August 14 (Wednesday) 4:30 to 6:30 PM	SUMMER GARDENING WORKSHOP 1929-31 Reed Street Fee: $1.00
September 14 (Saturday) 10 AM to Noon	EXTENDING THE GARDENING SEASON 25th and Dickinson Streets Fee: $1.00
September 28 & 29 (Saturday & Sunday) 10 AM to 5 PM	HARVEST SHOW Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park Admission fee: $2.00 (adults) $1.50 (children)
Saturday Evening	COMMUNITY GARDENERS' HARVEST PARTY Free tickets to show exhibitors
October 25 (Friday) 6:00 to 11:00 PM	COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER Philadelphia Centre Hotel 17th & JFK Boulevard Guest Speaker: Ed Schwartz City Council-at-large

CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

A special thanks goes out to everyone who gave their support for our funding request during the City Council hearings in June. Thanks to your petitions, letters, phone calls, and presence at the hearings, we have received funding to carry the program through to next July.

GARDEN INTERNS

Garden Intern and Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne resident DENISE JEFFERSON played host on a recent garden tour of her neighborhood by the whole Garden Interns class. The tour covered the many vegetable and flower gardens within walking distance of Denise's beautiful community flower garden at Ringgold and Morris Streets.

1985 has been declared the Year of the Portulaca by the National Garden Bureau.

This shallow-rooted,fleshy-leaved flower is well suited for sunny, dry gardens and container growing.

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS NEWS

The finalists in the GTSG Maintenance Contest for 1985 are:

	Elementary Division	Junior/Senior High Division
1st	Smedley	Franklin Learning Center
2nd	Smith	Jones Junior High
3rd	Meredith	Ben Franklin High

Honorable Mention

Masterman Lab and Demonstration School
Sharswood Elementary

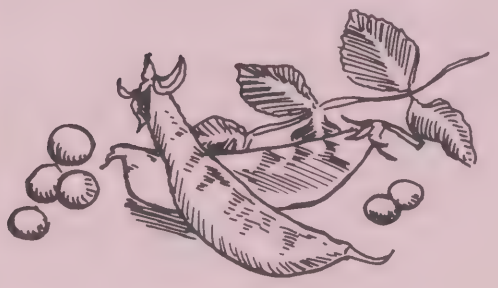
Congratulations to everyone for their great work!

TAILGATE MARKETS BRING PLENTY OF FRESH PRODUCE

Farmers from Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey will sell fresh-picked local produce at two local weekly tailgate markets this summer:

Fridays, 11 AM to 3 PM

St. Cecilia's
535 Rhawn Street
Near Roosevelt Boulevard



Saturdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

50th and Baltimore
In front of the old firehouse

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

REGISTER YOUR COMMUNITY GARDENS ENTRIES in the 1985 Harvest Show and RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM BY SEPTEMBER 6.

CHECK YOUR PINK HARVEST SHOW BOOKLET for a description of all the classes.

QUESTIONS: Call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285

1985 Harvest Show Features:

* Free Harvest Party (Saturday evening) Passes for Community Gardens making entries.

* SCARECROWS: Make your Scarecrow a character from the Wizard of Oz especially for the Show. Dorothy, the scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, the Great and Powerful Oz ... Who will you bring??

FOR BLUE RIBBON VEGETABLES

CHOOSE VEGETABLES AT THEIR PEAK OF MATURITY: The best entries are vegetables which are ready to eat - not too large or too small. Bring in examples that are uniform in size. Check the Show Booklet to see how many to bring.

GATHER THEM CAREFULLY: Wash off dirt gently to avoid marking soft skinned vegetables. Keep them cool and crisp until show time. Bring extras just in case.

HARDEN OFF LEAFY VEGETABLE AND FLOWERS: Pick leafy vegetables several days before registration and put them in water IMMEDIATELY. It's best to gather these entries early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Keep them in a cool place until you're ready to bring them to the Show and BRING THEM IN WATER. Gathering flowers and leafy vegetables ahead of time helps prevent wilting during judging.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

QUEEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATES 10 YEAR LEASE. Mayor W. Wilson Goode recently signed a 10-year lease with the National Park Service for the Queen Village Community garden located on the 300 block of Christian Street. A giant barbecue capped off the festivities. The garden, started in 1976, is filled with vegetables, fruit and flowers, all maintained by 53 families in the Queen Village/Southwark area.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Several months ago, the new garden at 46th and Girard faced an uncertain future when a local business bought the site. Recently, the gardeners found a new location at 48th and Merion when a factory there was demolished. Plans for this new large site include vegetables and a flower garden.

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A new half-acre site is currently under cultivation at 63rd and Market, on the edge of Cobbs Creek. The gardeners who are working on a total of 45 plots are older Koreans who live in a nearby apartment complex.

GARDENING TIPS FOR

- Harvest vegetables while they're still tasty. A bumper crop can be shared or canned for the winter.

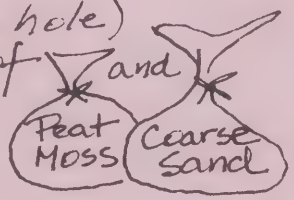
- Plant another crop of bush beans, peas or spinach for a late harvest.

- Take cuttings of geraniums from tips of stems for next year's garden.

(1) Cutting length: 4 inches Leaves: 3 or 4

(2) Allow stem end to dry out slightly then

(3) Dip end in rooting hormone

(4) Fill pot (with drainage hole) using equal mixture of 

(5) Water every 2 or 3 days

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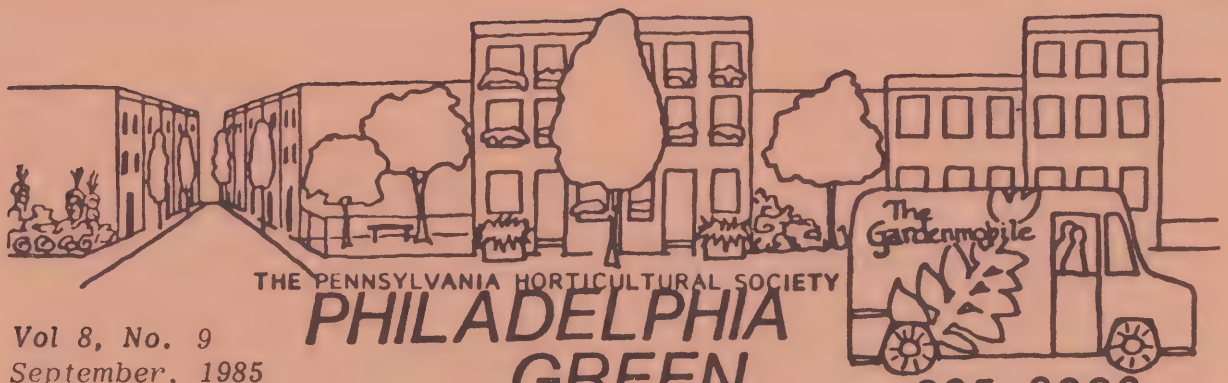

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THE 1985 HARVEST SHOW PRESENTS "A HARVEST RAINBOW"

Somewhere over the rainbow waits a pot of 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize ribbons. Find your way to the treasure by entering your community garden's finest at this year's Harvest Show. The Show committee looks forward to seeing you there:

Chairs: Ruth Flounders & Frank Kieser

Beverly Agard	Wilhelmina Bradshaw
Willie Mae Bullock	Jessie Carter
Berdina Cornish	Dora Cornish
Charlotte Elsner	Blanche Epps
Charles Evers	Nancy Grove
Edna Jones	Louise Mathis
Terry Mushovic	Almina Smelley
Estella Williams	Sharon Turner

DATES:	Saturday, September 28 Sunday, September 29
HOURS:	10 AM to 5 PM
ADMISSION:	$2.00 adults/$1.50 under 12
PLACE:	Horticulture Center Fairmount Park

Celebrate with all your community gardener friends at our Harvest Party, Saturday night, September 28 from 6 to 8:30 PM. Only those with Harvest Party tickets will be admitted (free) to the party.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The summer may be over, but there's still so much to do... Check out what's happening in the schedule below. And plan to join us. We'll have a great time together this fall.

Patricia
Editor

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

September 14	Extending the Gardening Season (Call us to pre-register)
September 28 and 29	Harvest Show (See page 1 and following for more information)
October 5 8 AM to 4 PM	Brooklyn Botanic Garden Bus Trip There may be a few spots left on our chartered bus to Brooklyn's Botanic Gardens. We will tour this beautiful 12 acre garden, filled with many horticultural delights. Call 625-8280 for more information.
October 15 - 18	American Community Gardening Association Conference (See page 9 for more information)
October 25	Community Recognition Dinner (See page 3 for more details)
November 7 (1-5pm) 8 (10am-5pm) 9 (10am-2pm)	The Junior Flower Show "The World Is Our Garden" Contact the Junior Show Ambassador at 625-8280 for more information.

WEST SHORE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE UNVEILED

The residents of West Shore (Southwest Philadelphia) hosted the dedication of their new Greene Countrie Towne on July 26th, presided over by Mayor W. Wilson Goode and other local dignitaries. West Shore joins West Hagert and Point Breeze as the third Greene Countrie Towne sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Also in attendance at the ceremony was Jim Rouse, head of the Enterprise Foundation (Columbia, MD) who launched a new housing rehab project in West Shore.

Hats off to the Greene Countrie Towne committee:

Helen Feggans, President, West Shore Civic Asso.
Charlotte Donald, Chair, Beautification Committee

Loretta Fern	Butch Holley
Marion Jones	Irene Johnson
Elizabeth McGill	Mattie Robbins
Ruth Thomas	Charles Truxon
Lucille Washington	Nathaniel Wilson
Roland Wilson	Roxie Wimberly
Hattie Woods	

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

Next month's Community Recognition Dinner will be a great time to celebrate the end of another successful season with old and new gardening friends. Our guest speaker will be Ed Schwartz, a City Councilman-at-large, long-time supporter of PHILADELPHIA GREEN and city gardening. We look forward to seeing you there.

DATE: Friday, October 25
PLACE: Philadelphia Centre Hotel
17th and JFK Boulevard
TIME: Cash bar 6 PM - Dinner 7 PM
COST: $17.00

BRING YOUR BEST TO THE 1984 HARVEST SHOW

Special Children's Activities, 12 to 4 PM, Both Days. The CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES TENT will feature face and squash painting and bobbing for apples.

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There's Still Time to Register. Let us know that you will enter the Harvest Show competitive classes - just send in your garden's registration form TODAY. Call 625-8280 if you need an extra Harvest Show Registration Form.

Each competitive class requires a specific number of vegetables or flowers. If you have less than the number needed, combine the best of all for a collection of at least 5 different vegetables in BOUNTY BY THE BASKET Classes 109 through 116 or a collection of flowers in FLORAL BOUNTY Class 117.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HARVEST SHOW OR PARTY
CALL ALEXANDRA OR BETTY AT 625-8280

GENERAL RULES FOR THE HARVEST SHOW

1) All Community Gardens Competitive Class entries are to be made on Thursday, September 26, between 5 and 8 PM or Friday, September 27th, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:30 FRIDAY MORNING, NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

2) All Show entries must be grown in a Community Garden or on a Garden Block.

3) All entries in the Community Gardens Competitive Classes must be made in the name of the Community Garden or Garden Block except for Preserved Product Classes 2 through 86 (See pages 12 and 13 in the Harvest Show Booklet.)

4) Only one entry per garden will be accepted in all Competitive Classes except Section E (Container Grown Vegetables, Fruits and Annuals) and Section L (Herbs).

GENERAL RULES (continued)

5) You can EARN MORE POINTS WITH THE VARIETY NAMES: save seed packets or markers for the crops you'll exhibit so you can write the names on the entry tags.

6) Containers for all FLOWERS and GREENS classes will be provided by PHS. (Bring entries to the Show in Water.)

7) Containers used for HERBS, COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES and HARVEST TABLE classes must be provided by exhibitors. Mark the bottom of each container with name, garden and phone number.

8) Entries in the CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS Classes 127 to 151 must be displayed in the containers in which they've been grown.

9) Any entry that wilts during the two day Show will be removed. Ribbons on winning entries will be saved for pick-up by exhibitors.

GENERAL RULES (continued)

10) All exhibitors will receive special buttons at Show registration so they can remove their entries on Sunday, September 29th, between 5:30 and 6 PM.

11) NOTHING MAY BE REMOVED BEFORE 5:30 SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Exhibitors are responsible for safeguarding their exhibits from 5 until 5:30 PM.

12) All entries must be claimed by 6 PM on Sunday, September 29th. Ribbons on remaining entries will be mailed to the Garden Chairperson. Unclaimed entries cannot be returned.

13) Come prepared on Sunday. Bring bags or boxes to carry your entries home.

SCARECROWS: Make a character from the Wizard of Oz and bring him/her to the Show.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN'S CORPORATE SUPPORT

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those local corporations that have given support to PHILADELPHIA GREEN in 1985.

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOCIATION (ACGA) 6th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Members of ACGA from all over the country are meeting in New York City in October to share information and resources about community gardening. We hope to see some Philadelphia gardens represented there.

WHEN: October 15 to 18

WHERE: New York City/Vanderbilt YMCA

FOR MORE INFORMATION -

CONTACT: Liz Faulkner
Neighborhood Open Space Coalition
(212) 513-7555

GARDEN BOOK OFFER

Thanks to a grant from the Atlantic Richfield Foundation, the National Gardening Association can send your choice of its five-book gardening series for only the cost of postage ($3.00 per book). Titles include The Youth Gardening Book and The Community Gardening Book. To order, contact:

Carol DeFeciani
Gardens For All
180 Flynn Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401(802)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Point Breeze Federation dedicated its beautifully rehabbed Community Center on S 21st Street in late June. One month later, members of the Federation's Beautification Committee and PG staff added a lovely garden at the rear of the building. In "Titan Terrace," a brick path joins several concrete terraces to create an outdoor meeting space, surrounded by trees, shrubs, flowers and a rose arbor. Visit Titan Terrace. It's worth the trip!

NATIONAL CONTEST NEWS

It's been a busy summer for the judges of the American Community Gardening Association/Glad Second Annual National Community Gardens Contest. With more than 200 entries from the Atlantic Region alone, 70 semi-finalists were selected and interviewed.

Finalists from Philadelphia include:

Chalmers Park Garden
Norris Square Children's Garden
Friendly Group Gardeners
Smedley Summer Gardening School
Aspen Farms
Lawrence Street Garden Club
Las Mirlas II
Glenwood Avenue Green Garden
20th and Tioga
Southwark/Queen Village
Garden of Eatin'

May the best garden win! Winners will be announced in the October newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

GARDENING TIPS

ORDER SPRING-FLOWERING BULBS. Select different varieties to provide early, mid and late season blooming next year.

Write for a catalog today!

P. de Jager & Sons, Inc.
P.O. Box 100
Brewster, NY 10509

McClure & Zimmerman
1422 W Thorndale
Chicago, IL 60660

Van Bourgondien
245 Farmingdale Road
P.O. Box A
Babylon, NY 11702

Special Note: Van Bourgondien also offers a group fund-raising discount - Contact them directly for more information.

DIVIDE PERENNIALS. This month and next is a good time to separate clumps of perennial flowers, allowing the plants room to grow in next year's garden.

First dig up clump. Using a shovel or sharp knife, divide clump, making sure to discard any dead stems or roots. Replant with at least 1 foot between divisions.

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CITY COUNCILMAN ED SCHWARTZ, OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Ed Schwartz, one of Philadelphia's City Council members-at-large, and a long time advocate of community power, will be the guest speaker at our Community Recognition Dinner this year. Since the dinner guests are sure to be inspired by his remarks, we know you'll want to be there.

WHEN:	Friday, October 25th
WHERE:	Philadelphia Centre Hotel 17th & JFK Boulevard
MUSIC BY:	Butch Ballard & The Band
TICKET RESERVATIONS:	$17.00 - Deadline - October 11th

SHRUB SALE

PHILADELPHIA GREEN is having a shrub sale in early November. Plants can be ordered to fill a curbside planter or an empty spot in your community garden or front yard. Since our offer ends soon, send in your order form today. For more information contact Jeff Myers at 625-8280.

DEAR FRIENDS

How can you tell it's been a successful season around PHILADELPHIA GREEN? By all the happy prize winners from the City Gardens Contest Awards Night, the American Community Gardening Association Contest, the Harvest Show, the Green The School Grounds Awards Party, the Community Recognition Dinner and the Junior Flower Show. Read on to find out more... In case you haven't mailed in your order yet for our SHRUB SALE, you have just one more day - TODAY - to send it in to us.

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

October 15-19	ACGA Conference (see page 4)
October 21 3:30 - 5:00 PM PHS, 325 Walnut	Green the School Grounds Awards Party
October 25	Community Recognition Dinner (see page 1)
October 29 7-9 PM PHS, 325 Walnut	Street Tree Care Workshop Call 625-8280 for registration information
November 7-9	Junior Flower Show (see page 4)
November 9 10 AM to Noon PHS, 325 Walnut	Growing Plants in the City Call 625-8280 for registration information

HARVEST SHOW WRAP-UP

A special thank you goes to all the folks on the Committee who worked so hard to make the 1985 Harvest Show a tremendous success:

Chairs: Ruth Flounders & Frank Kieser

Beverly Agard	Wilhelmina Bradshaw
Willie Mae Bullock	Jessie Carter
Berdina Cornish	Dora Cornish
Charlotte Elsner	Blanche Epps
Charles Evers	Nancy Grove
Edna Jones	Louise Mathis
Terry Mushovic	Almina Smelley
Estella Williams	Sharon Turner

Thanks also to all the gardeners who brought the fruits of their labor to the Show. We couldn't have put the Show on without you.

Results of the Harvest Show Sweepstakes will be in the November Newsletter. For a copy of the Baked Goods Class recipes, send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

MORE ON THE GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students, parents and teachers from three new schools selected last spring will get their gardens under way this fall. The Schools are:

Nebinger Elementary, 6th & Carpenter
Steele Elementary, Wayne & Bristol
Bache-Martin Elementary, 22nd & Brown

These three schools and the winners of our annual Green The School Grounds Maintenance Contest will receive certificates of merit at our Awards Party set for October 21st.

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 7, 1 to 5 PM
Friday, Nov. 8, 11 to 5 PM
Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 to 2 PM

WHERE: First Bank of the United States
3rd Street (between Chestnut & Walnut)

Students competing in this year's Junior Flower Show will make horticultural and artistic entries and exhibits in keeping with this year's theme, " The World Is Our Garden." Entries will come from all over the Delaware Valley, pre-school to 12th grade. We'll see just how imaginative our younger plant lovers can be.

If you're a teacher, parent or youth leader and you want to know how your kids can enter, call Betty at 625-8280 for a Show booklet.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOCIATION 6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Just a few more days before the ACGA conference starts in New York City, October 15 to 18. Folks from all over the country will be there to share information about community gardening. We hope to see Philadelphia gardeners represented.

For more information, call Liz Faulkner - Neighborhood Open Space Coalition - (212) - 513-7555.

A BUMPER CROP OF CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS

An audience full of enthusiastic winners of the 1985 City Gardens Contest accepted their prizes from our favorite weatherman, Herb Clarke at the recent CGC Awards Night. Congratulations to you all:

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS - LARGE

First	"Garden of Eatin'" - 25th & Dickinson	
Second	25th & Spruce	Aspen Farms
	18th & Glenwood	Garden of Gethsemane
Third	1925-33 W Venango	20th & Tioga

CHILDREN'S GARDENS

First	Jr. Garden of Gethsemane - Pearl & Conestoga	
Second	Belmont School	Hancock & Diamond
Third	Hunter School	Smedley School

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MORE CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS...

1ST YEAR COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First	Korean Senior Citizen Garden - 64th & Market	
Second	4713-15 Chester	1727-33 Lippincott
Third	1947-49 N Mutter	1510-22 N 58th

GREENEST BLOCK IN TOWN

First	6100 Washington	
Second	2500 Cumberland 2100 Wharton	1400 S 47th
Third	2200 Oakford 1600 N Dover Unit Blk. Felton	4700 Hawthorne 2100 N 20th

MID-SIZE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS

First	NEC 43rd & Sansom	
Second	621-25 W Diamond NEC Penn & Knox	1719-21 W Seybert 2301-28 N 2nd
Third	3301 21st 4754 Upland	2226-28 N 2nd 2400,2440-42 W Master

MORE CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS...

LOTSCAPES

First	1701-03 S Ringgold	
Second	1700 N Newkirk	
Third	1452-54 S Taylor	1937-41 Wilder
	1916 Wharton	2013-15 Fernon

SITTING GARDENS

First	Leo Donald Memorial - 4666-68 Linmore	
Second	3222 W Turner	Cecil B. Moore Memorial
Third	3327 N 21st	2042 Manton
	Hope Springs	Cedar Point Park

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS - SMALL

First	1205-13 S 26th	1729 W Diamond	(tie)
Second	2238 N Howard	2264-66 N 17th	
Third	1013 S 20th	NWC Chadwick & Olive	

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MORE CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS...

POCKET PARKS

First	1300 S 18th
Second	314 Emily
Third	5718 Media

GARDEN BLOCKS

First	3200 N 27th	
Second	1400 S Ringgold	1200 S Bonsall
	1300 S Colorado	1600 Patton
	1800 W Glenifer	
Third	3700 N 15th	1900 W Carey
	3300 Cumberland	1500 N 61st

WORLD FOOD DAY

Lots of people in and around Philadelphia (including those of us working on PHILADELPHIA GREEN and URBAN GARDENING) are joining in the fight against hunger and malnutrition. In order to publicize our concern, we're taking part in an observance of World Food Day, the birthday of the World Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. If you would like more information call Urban Gardening at 276-5183.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENS ASSOCIATION WINNERS

Congratulations to all the Philadelphia gardens that won in the National Community Gardening Contest.

New Vegetable Gardens

First

Las Mirlas II - N 2nd Street	$400

Honorable Mention

Lawrence Street Garden	$100
Glenwood Green	$100
Friendly Group Garden	$100

SMALL VEGETABLE GARDENS

Honorable Mention

Chalmers Park	$100

LARGE VEGETABLE GARDENS

Honorable Mention

Aspen Farms	$100
Garden of Eatin'	$100

SPECIAL POPULATION GARDENS

Honorable Mention

Norris Square	$100
Smedley School	$100

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Trudy Gay and her neighbors started digging and planting in the "Flamingo" garden on the 2200 block of Gerritt Street just last year. This past summer, these enthusiastic gardeners expanded to the next block over, on the 2200 block of Wilder Street. Their new oasis boasts two gardens, with raised decks and handmade picnic tables (all from salvaged wood), flower borders, rock gardens and gorgeous vegetables. On Labor Day, the gardeners celebrated their successful season with a pot-luck picnic.

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Lucky for us, we happened to schedule the tree pit work on two West Philadelphia blocks on a school holiday. About 20 kids turned out to work on the 2000 block of South 59th Street and the 5900 block of Greenway Avenue. They made such a great effort that we finished two day's work in one. That's great team spirit!!

SOME "NEW FOLKS" ON THE PHILADELPHIA GREEN BLOCK

The Philadelphia Housing Authority and PHILADELPHIA GREEN recently launched a special greening program involving four housing sites around town: Abbottsford, Champlost, Bartram Village and Norris Homes - all chosen on the basis of their active Tenants Councils.

Representatives of the Tenant Councils are setting up planting committees, starting off with bulb planting this fall. Come early spring, they'll have their own flower show with lots of tulips, hyacinths, crocus and daffodils.

GARDENING TIPS FOR

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

TREES
- Crabapples
- Maples
- Hawthorns

SHRUBS
- Junipers
- Yews
- Forsythia

PERENNIAL FLOWERS
- Daylilies
- Mums
- Never dies

BULBS
- Tulips
- Daffodils
- Crocus

Add a generous amount of well-rotted organic matter (woodchips, shredded leaves or peat moss) to each planting hole. Then water everything very well. Continue to water plants until ground freezes in late December.

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CALLING GARDEN INTERN APPLICANTS

We're now accepting applications for the 1986 Garden Interns Program. Applicants must:

Be 20 years or older
Have an interest in gardening
Have experience working with people
Be willing to learn

Interviews will be held in late November and early December, with selection before Christmas. The program starts in January with a winter training in gardening basics, followed by work on various community projects throughout the year. For more information and an application, call us at 625-8280.

DEAR FRIENDS:

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If you know any youth, senior or handicapped gardens, turn to page 5 to find out about a special garden grants program ... Think workshops to keep you in the greening mood this winter. See below for dates and times. Call ahead to register... We're looking for applicants for the 1986 Garden Interns Program. See page 1 for details.

Hope you're all enjoying the fall. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Patricia
Editor

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

Saturday, November 9	Growing Plants in the City - Patricia & George Deadline: November 4
Saturday, December 7	Holiday Greens - Jeff & Jeannine Deadline: November 22
Saturday, January 25	Garden Planning - Jeannine, Sally & Juanita Deadline: January 10

All workshops are at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

HARVEST SHOW HOTLINE

Even with a visit from Hurricane Gloria, the 1985 Harvest Show still had its days in the sun. A total of 46 community gardens made 350 entries, with 650 people attending the Harvest Party.

Thanks to those who braved the storm, entered the Show, came to the Harvest Party, and volunteered. All of you made this the best Harvest Show yet.

Congratulations to Sweepstakes winners in the following categories:

	LARGE GARDENS	MID-SIZE GARDENS
1st	56th & Haverford	4300/4310 Sansom
2nd	3rd & Christian	914-24 N Leithgow
3rd	25th & Dickinson	2100 N 20th
H.M.	25th & Schuylkill	1712-14 N 18th

	SMALL GARDENS
1st	Smedley School
2nd	Hansberry & Wayne
3rd	714 N 17th
H.M.	3301 N 21st

THE WORLD IS OUR GARDEN

Junior Flower Show

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WHERE: First Bank of the United States
3rd Street (between Chestnut & Walnut)

WEST SHORE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

On the day of the West Shore dedication, Jim Rouse of Enterprise Foundation announced his organization's commitment to rehab a number of houses in West Shore.

The current news from West Shore is the completion of their first three houses, adding to the overall improvement of the neighborhood. Helen Feggans, President of West Shore invites all of PHILADELPHIA GREEN to visit her up and coming community.

WHAT'S NEW AT PHILADELPHIA GREEN

This fall, PHILADELPHIA GREEN has combined its Vegetable Garden and Sitting Garden programs into the new Community Lotscape program. The purpose of the change is to encourage a variety of activities on the same lot and to attract more community support and activity on that lot.

Vegetable gardens can be made more attractive and become community meeting places with the addition of flowers, shrubs, benches, and picnic tables.

Sitting gardens can attract more committed users by including a plot for vegetables.

KEEP CANS AND BOTTLES OFF THE STREETS

A proposed bottle bill is before the Pennsylvania Legislature which would require a .05 cents deposit on all beer and soda containers. The effect would be to reduce liter, conserve energy and create jobs. This bill needs your support since opponents have already launched a very strong campaign against it.

Please write you state Legislator and House Majority Leader James Manderino requesting support for Container Deposit Legislation in Pennsylvania. Their address is:

House (or Senate) Post Office
Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

ANNOUNCING THE 1986 NATIONAL GARDENING ASSOCIATION GARDEN GRANTS PROGRAM

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Any Youth, senior citizen or disabled gardening group of 15 gardeners or more who has not received a National Gardening Association Garden Grant in the past year may apply.

Existing as well as first year projects will be considered. Individual home gardeners are not eligible.

HOW TO APPLY:

To request an application or for more details, write to:

The National Gardening Association
Garden Grants Program '86
180 Flynn Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401

Be sure to include your name, address, city state and zip code and indicate whether you are a youth, senior or disabled project.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: JANUARY 10, 1986

MARCAL'S SCENIC AMERICA CAMPAIGN

Philadelphia is one of a number of cities on the east coast to receive a grant from Marcal Paper Mills, Inc. to plant street trees. Marcal's campaign, called "Scenic America" includes running coupons in the local newspapers, after which the company has pledged to donate .12 cents for each redeemed coupon. The money will be donated to help plant trees under the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Program.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

South Philadelphia & North Philadelphia/East of Broad

Nebinger Elementary students and teachers are planting trees in front of their school as part of the Green The School Grounds Program. They are also turning a grassy side yard into a garden with shrubs, perennials and bulbs.

New Street Tree Blocks

1000-1100 S 6th
1600 S 19th
2800 Jackson
2300 Fernon

New Lotscapes

1346-50 S Bouvier
2167-69 N 8th
2225 Wilder

West Philadelphia

Plantings in the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne will continue into November including a new lotscape at 47th and Paschall for "The Over-the-Hill Gang".

New Lotscapes

774-76 N 38th
36th & Spring Garden
3804 Reno
64th & Market

New Street Tree Blocks

5900 Greenway Ave.
7300 Walnut Lane
2000 S 59th

North Philadelphia/West of Broad

New Lotscapes

273 W York
1401-03 N 17th
1832 N 18th

GARDENING TIPS

You've all been pulling good food out of your vegetable garden for the past few months. When you've finally finished harvesting for the season, put something back into the garden before the weather gets too cold.

1-TEST YOUR SOIL to find out what you'll need to add to assure good crops next year. Soil tests are $4 and are available from the Cooperative Extension Service, 5799 N Broad Street.

2-ENRICH YOUR GARDEN SOIL with healthy garden refuse like leaves, grass clippings, stalks, and vines. DON'T USE DISEASED PLANT PARTS. Adding healthy organic matter to the garden keeps the soil crumbly and easy to work. Shread or chop these vegetable remains, spread them over the top of the soil, and dig them down about 6 inches.

3-ADD WOODCHIPS. Sources for free woodchips are the PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY (call for information) or the FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER, located on Ford Road near Strawberry Mansion Bridge.

4-PLANT WINTER RYE GRASS this fall and turn it under the soil next spring.

5-MAKE A SKETCH OF THIS YEAR'S GARDEN to help remember what was planted where. Crops like corn and greens which use lots of nitrogen can be placed next year where beans and peas grew this year. Rotate cole crops like broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different spot to avoid damage from clubroot which stays in the soil for several years.

6-CLEAN ALL GARDEN TOOLS and store in a dry place over the winter.

7-CHECK FOR THE TOOLS, SOIL AND SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED FOR NEXT YEAR.

Looking for a catalog of organic fertilizers
and insecticides?

Write to: Ringer Research
6860 Flying Cloud Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

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PHS HOLIDAY SHOW

"Deck the Halls" is the theme for this year's show at PHS headquarters, 325 Walnut. Four local garden clubs will transform our exhibit room with decorated trees, wreaths, mantles and table arrangements in keeping with the holiday season.

DATES: December 10 (opening at Noon) to December 20

TIMES: Weekdays: 9 AM to 5 PM
December 14 and 15: 11 AM to 4 PM

PHILADELPHIA GREEN OFFICE will be closed from December 24th to January 3rd.

Happy New Year!

Dear Friends,
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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

Gardening friends joined together at the recent Community Recognition Dinner to congratulate each other on their many gardening achievements. Guests were also applauded by Blaine Bonham, our director, Jane Pepper, PHS President, and Councilman-at-large Ed Schwartz, who was guest speaker. Special congratulations were offered to the four people named Green Thumbs of the Year:

Mamie Nichols, Executive Director of Point Breeze, is dedicated to pushing her community along the road to neighborhood revitalization. Mamie is also a member of the City Planning Commission, offering great support to setting aside vacant land for both temporary as well as permanent open space uses.

Peter Grove is Executive Director, Norris Square Neighborhood Project, a community-run, bilingual urban environmental learning center. He and his staff have greened their part of Kensington with window boxes, and a number of prize winning children's gardens. The kids of Norris Square have also painted lots of colorful murals, around their neighborhood and in other parts of the city as well.

Dr. Jin H. Yu and Mr. Kyong Sul Kim are the driving forces behind one of Philadelphia's newest and most unique community gardens, the Korean Association of Senior Citizens' Garden. Located within Fairmount Park at 64th and Market Streets, this half-acre site is the first large community garden located in the park. The garden has been a success and displays a variety of Asian gardening techniques, including raised beds and trellises. The garden was awarded 1st Prize for the best new large vegetable garden in the City Gardens Contest.

GARDEN INTERNS GRADUATE

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since we first met the 1985 Garden Interns - seems like they started only last month. While good things have a way of ending before we want, the PG staff will help celebrate the end of a very successful year at the Garden Interns Graduation Dinner on December 5th. They've all been great and we've enjoyed their time here at PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Congratulations to:

Sandra Calhoun
Janet Ferrell
Denise Jefferson
Leon Johnson
Naomi Kaplan
Adeline Stanfield
Derrick Robinson
Barbara Wagner
Louise Webster

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

With more than 800 entries from 31 school and youth programs around the Delaware Valley, this year's Junior Flower Show, "The World is Our Garden", was a great success.

Youthful interpretations using dried, live and pressed plants showed great imagination. Well-tended terrariums and potted plants reflected good gardening skills. Special exhibits taught important lessons about plants in our world and their importance to all of us, no matter what our age.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING CONFERENCE

Community gardens are all over the map. Besides Philadelphia, they're in Seattle, Boston, Tucson, Louisville, Chicago, Cincinnati, Knoxville, Austin, and even London. We made lots of new friends, compared notes and learned new things about community gardening at the ACGA conference held in New York City in mid-October.

Two PG staffers took on special assignments at the conference and will be involved in ongoing ACGA activities: Jeff Myers is now Mid-Atlantic Regional Director and Sally McCabe is Senior Editor of the ACGA Journal.

PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY GREENING: SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMPLOST

Champlost is located in Germantown around 20th and Champlost. Although there are a few trees and shrubs around this community, the residents are just beginning to spruce up their front and back yards. Daisy Hill is the Champlost tenant coordinator and is assisted by Mrs. Richardson. They have both lived in Champlost for a number of years and are very excited about how the greening will liven up their neighborhood.

ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

The Enterprise Foundation, funder of the West Shore housing rehabs, recently hosted a conference in Washington D.C. Sharon Turner, chair of our Advisory Board, and Blaine Bonham, our director, told the audience there about PHILADELPHIA GREEN and the changes in our city. The people who attended the conference represented groups from all over the country involved in non-profit, private housing development for low income households. Many of the groups there were church-related organizations.

WORLD FOOD DAY CONFERENCE

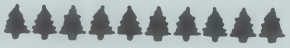
Staff from both Penn State's Cooperative Extension Service and PHILADELPHIA GREEN were among those who took part in the World Food Day Conference on October 16th. The conference was organized by Philadelphia's Food and Agriculture Task Force to which both of our community gardening programs belong. The Task Force is on its way to becoming an important voice within this city in support of issues such as nutrition and food assistance, economic development in the food industry and green/open space. Other groups from around town represented at this meeting were: The City of Philadelphia's Department of Commerce, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Food Trades Organization, Philadelphia Association for Cooperative Enterprise, and Point Breeze Federation. Mellon Bank sponsored the conference.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The kids at STEEL SCHOOL, Nicetown, did a fantastic job planting their GTSG project in early November. Edie Hartos, the teacher/organizer, worked along with her 2nd graders, digging holes, moving soil and planting bulbs and shrubs. Ms. Hartos' class was joined by the kindergarten, 4th and 5th grades, with a total of 120 children helping out on the planting. The gardening action was well-documented on video and in lots of photographs.

It was late October in Southwest Philadelphia. On the adjoining blocks of 2000 S 59th and 5900 Greenway, about 25 adults and kids dug tree pits, moved soil and pruned 18 Crimson King maples. Greg Thompson, Greenway's block captain recorded the event for posterity on video, while Carol Stevens, 59th's block captain, served up a wonderful lunch.

Everyone's deliriously happy. Fairmount Park has given permission for Cobbs Creek residents to start two more half acre gardens on park land at 64th and Market. The prize-winning Korean Senior Citizens are already gardening on that site and we look forward to some more great gardening there next year.



The first Marcal trees were planted recently in Point Breeze on the 1600 block of S 19th Street. WHAT ARE MARCAL TREES? They look like any other but in this case the planting is made possible through a special program recently announced by Mayor W. Wilson Goode, Jane Pepper, PHS President and Nick Marcalus, President of Marcal Paper Company. Marcal ran special coupons on November 6th and 20th. You can redeem the coupon when you buy Marcal products and the company will then contribute to a tree planting fund for Philadelphia.

GARDENING TIPS

WATER ALL WOODY PLANTS FROM NOW UNTIL THE GROUND FREEZES HARD LATE THIS MONTH.

PREPARE FOR WINTER...

Mulch around all trees, shrubs and perennials as soon as the ground freezes hard. Use a 2 or 3 inch layer of salt hay, fallen leaves or wood chips.

Clear snow off shrubs during the winter months. Never try to do this if the plants are covered with ice - branches will be brittle and may break off.

WHAT CAN A GARDENER DO TO MAKE WINTER GO FASTER?

Send for seed catalogs soon. You'll be so busy thinking about next year's garden, winter will be over before you know it.

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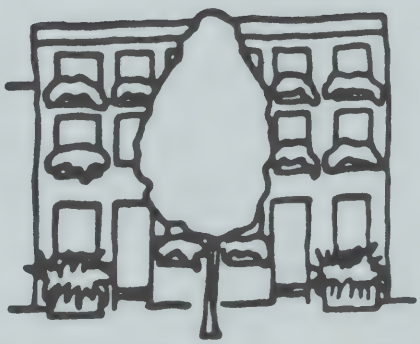

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS... HAPPY HOLIDAYS...

Bobby Lance
Ronny Pablo
Charles Anne
Jeannine Lecenia
Janet Adeline
Bernice Barbara
Naomi Sandra

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RECYCLING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Philadelphia Recycling program is offering you a chance to make your Christmas Tree work for you!

From January 5 thru January 15 a chipper will be in operation at three recycling centers in Philadelphia. You can take your Christmas Tree, have it reduced to woodchips and take the chips home for mulch.

WHERE: FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER
Ford and Chamonix Roads

WISSAHICKON MAINTENANCE
7300 Henry Avenue, Roxborough

8500 Block of Veree Road
(South of Pennypack)

DATES: January 5 thru January 15

TIMES: Monday - Saturday, 8 AM to 3 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 686-8298 or 8299

DEAR FRIENDS -

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Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Catalogs are coming in everyday, so we can dream about all the things we'd like to grow in the spring while it's snowing outside. Before too long, we'll all be out gardening again. In the meantime, here's to another fantastic year together.

Patricia

Education Department Head

BULB REMINDER

Now that the cold weather has hit, it's important to put a layer of mulch over the bulb bed.

Use a 3 to 4 inch layer of leaves, salt hay or woodchips saved for this purpose. (If you need extra woodchips, contact the Fairmount Park Recycling Center, MU6-0109, for information and directions.)

HELP FOR YOUR FUEL BILL

The Pennsylvania Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program was established by the federal government to help people on low or fixed income pay their fuel bills.

A family can receive Energy Assistance without receiving welfare. No lien is placed on your home for energy assistance.

Call your County Assistance Office (560-2970) for a brochure and to find out how to apply for this program.

GOODBYE AND HELLO

We again express our thanks to the wonderful people who have served on the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board and are now retiring.

They are:

Mary Butler
Rick Camitta
Susan Evans
Donna Thorpe
Haroldline Trower

Sharon Turner will remain as chair of the Advisory Board. **Frank Kieser,** originally set to retire in 1987, has agreed to stay on, filling an unexpired term.

New Advisory Board members:

Mildred Peterkin
Hayward Ford
Willie Mae Bullock
Evelyn Forbes
Grace Hagerty
Louise Mathis
Angenette Milbourn
Mary Pope
Claudette Mott-Taylor

JANUARY GARDEN HINTS

In some ways, January is the best time for gardeners. It is a time to sit back with the seed catalogs and daydream about the new gardening season (without the work).

Think about using one part of your garden to plant a flower or vegetable you have never tried before. Talk to other gardeners and find out what successes or failures they had last year. Did you have too many or too few of your favorites last year? Make this next one the best garden you have ever grown!

FREE SEED CATALOGS

VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Burpee Seed Company
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974

Nichols Nursery
1190 N Pacific Highway
Albany, OR 97321

Geo. W. Parks Seed Company
255 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

The Wayside Gardens Company
Hodges, SC 29695-0001

Vermont Bean and Seed Company
Garden Lane
Bomoseen, VT 05732

Harris Seeds
Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

FRUIT TREES

Stark Brothers Nurseries
Dept. A1808F
Louisiana, MO 63353

Kelly Brothers Nurseries
Dansville, NY 14437

1987 FLOWER SHOW

PHILADELPHIA GREEN's Flower Show Exhibit Committee, headed by **JoAnn Fishburn** and **Anne Vallery** really faced a challenge in making this year's Flower Show exhibit even more exciting than last year's "Community Gardening on Parade."

The staff and committee are working on ***"Iced Tea at Gray's Ferry,"*** a contemporary view of community gardening. It is based on the Show's main exhibit ***"Tea at Gray's Ferry,"*** a garden George Washington visited.

We invite you to join us for this super show.

SHOW THEME: *"The Way We Were"*

DATES: March 8 - March 15

PLACE: Civic Center
34th & Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sundays - 10AM to 6 PM
Monday thru Saturday - 10AM to 9:30PM

ADMISSION: Advance sale from PHS: $6.75 Adults

At the door: $7.50 Adults
At the door: $3.50 Children under 12

(You'll love this year's postcard)

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!

Looking over the last year is a gratifying experience.

The new office and staff additions are allowing us to better help our gardeners and work on new projects in Greene Countrie Townes and all across the city.

Our flower Show exhibit was the talk of the town.

Philadelphia Housing Authority residents participated in greening programs for the first time. There's no stopping them now!

One entire school (K-6), planted seeds and presented a school-wide science fair while another group hosted an unforgettable Thanksgiving Dinner, featuring vegetables grown by mentally retarded students.

The bulb bonanza from the W. Atlee Burpee Company will make Philadelphia a blooming town in the spring.

The City Gardens Contest showed us all the best of the best.

There were a record number of entries at the Harvest Show.

Many gardeners enjoyed the very elegant Community Recognition Dinner.

And this is only the beginning! 1987 will be bigger and better.

WE THE PEOPLE 200

We The People 200, the nation's celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution, will be hosting many activities in Philadelphia, starting this month.

West Hagert, under the leadership of **Dorsha Mason** and her fine group of affiliated block captains, will be featured in the celebration of neighborhoods next spring.

We will let you know through the newsletter, what events are scheduled in the neighborhoods and throughout the City.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN HONORED

Recently, a ceremony was held in Philadelphia to commemorate the International Year of Peace and the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Featured at the ceremony was a torch lighted at the United Nations and carried by runners around the world in the "First Earth Run."

The highlight was the honor given three local self-help programs that have most effectively solved local challenges. PHILADELPHIA GREEN was one of those programs.

Blaine Bonham, Director, and **Sally McCabe,** City-Wide Administrator, accepted the medal on behalf of PHILADELPHIA GREEN and all community gardeners.

DEAR FRIENDS -

February brings us that much closer to Spring. We still have time to flip through the catalogs and find some new varieties just right for city gardens like those mentioned in this issue. We can look at our houseplants on the windowsills and see the first signs of new growth. We can take time to clip back the leggy stems, enjoy a new flower, pinch a scented leaf and dream of our gardens to come.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Patricia Abruzzo
Education Department Head

1987 GARDEN INTERNS CLASS

The new intern class has been selected and classroom training has begun.

By spring, new interns will be ready to assist PHILADELPHIA GREEN's coordinators and take gardening skills back to their neighborhoods.

We are glad to have the following men and women join us in helping make Philadelphia green.

James Brown
Kathryn Galloway
Lillian Gerrick
Melinda Johnson
Betty Lambert
Angenette Milbourne
Charles Ramsey
Raymond Smalls
Paul Smith, Sr.
James Wright

1987 FLOWER SHOW

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN Flower Show exhibit, "*Iced Tea At Gray's Ferry,*" is really taking shape.

Our vegetables for the Hillside Garden (a copy of the one in West Shore Greene Countrie Towne) are growing nicely in the Florida sun (they'll be shipped north in time for the Show) and the house fronts are being built. The picnic table is done and it's almost time for tea!

Come and help us celebrate this preview of summer.

DATES: March 8 - March 15

PLACE: Civic Center
34th and Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM
Monday thru Saturday - 10 AM to 9:30 PM

ADMISSION: Adults - $6.25 (advance sale rate)
$7.00 (once the Show opens)
Children under 12 - $3.50

PENN STATE'S URBAN GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Take some time this month to attend Urban Gardening's winter workshops.

You will get a start on new ideas for your next garden and learn how to use your space for more varieties of vegetables.

WHERE: The Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park

TIME: Saturdays, 9AM to 12 Noon

SCHEDULE:

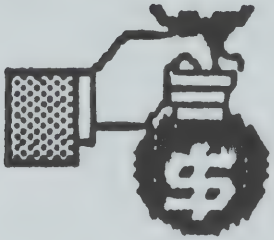
February 7 - *"Too Many Tomatoes"*
Ideas for preserving and giving extras to the needy

February 14 - *"Farming The Water"* Aquaculture

February 21 - *"Down Under"* or near the Equator.
Growing tropical fruits and vegetables in Philadelphia.

February 28 - *"Birds and Bees"* - Backyard livestock

For more information, call 276-5183.



HOW TO SAVE ON FUEL BILLS

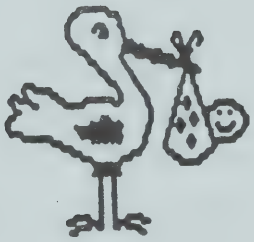
"Buyers Up," a cooperative oil-buying group, started by Ralph Nader, has come to Philadelphia. This non-profit organization can help you receive regular delivery services at the groups' discount price.

It includes:

- Fuel Oil delivery and emergency service
- Will Call or Automatic delivery options
- 15 days credit or C.O.D.
- Service agreements for oil furnace maintenance and emergency service
- Consumer assistance and information

Nearly 40% of the households in Philadelphia heat with oil. To date, over 600 families have joined this new group and are saving 16 to 20 cents a gallon on home heating oil and furnace services.

For more information call Buyers Up - 222-0600.



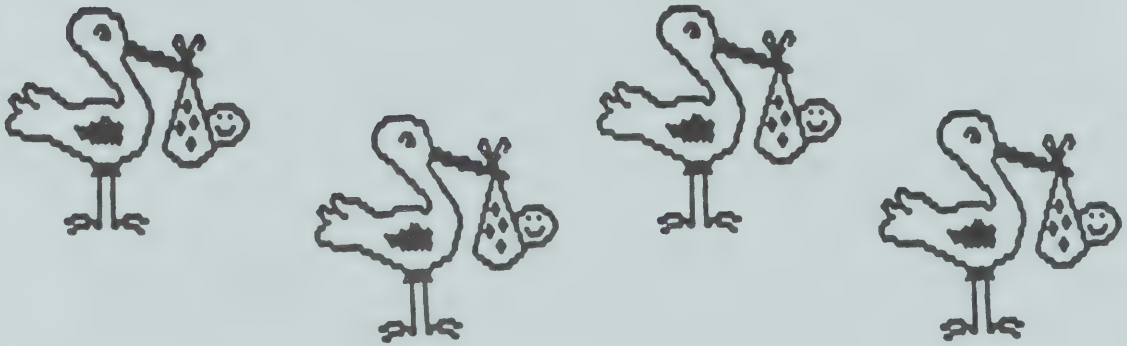
SURPRISE BABIES

Dominga Clement, wife of **Bob Clement**, Advisory Board member, had two startling experiences in the same week.

She purchased a cabbage from the store and when she cut into it, discovered tiny baby cabbages growing against the stem.

She cut them off and put them in pots on her windowsill. After four days they rooted and she has six 2 1/2 inch cabbages.

A few days later she opened a Tahitian squash and in the center found a baby squash growing. This too is doing well in a pot on the windowsill. It sounds as if she is a very lucky person as well as a good gardener.



NEW IDEAS FOR YOUR GARDEN

If you have wanted to grow watermelon but don't have the room, try Burpee's Bush Sugar Baby. It has dwarf vines and the melons can be 8 to 12 lbs.

Shepherd's Garden Seeds offers a carrot, perfect for city gardens. Called 'Planet,' this carrot is small and ball-shaped, so the shallow soil of raised beds is fine for these sweet deep-orange vegetables.

Attention Sweet Pepper Lovers! Pepper Park's Whopper improved hybrid is 4 inches across and 4 inches long. It sounds as if it could be a real winner.

We all fell in love with those wonderful miniature pumpkins (2 inches high and 3 inches across) at the Harvest Show. Shown in the Parks catalog, "Jack BeLittle" seeds would be fun to grow for anyone who has the space.

A number of gardeners are having success growing sweet potatoes. Large barrels, or a pile of tires can be used to grow them. Burpee's offers Bush Porto Rico which are good for small space gardens and 'Centennial' which grows faster than many other varieties.

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PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN exhibit, *"Iced Tea at Gray's Ferry"* is ready to go, thanks to the committee that made it all possible: ***JoAnn Fishburn,*** Chair; ***Willie Mae Bullock***, ***Florie Dotson***, ***Rena Ennis***, ***Ruth Flounders***, ***Marlene Hilkowitz***, ***Efrain Rios***, ***James LaRosa***, ***Eugene Szymkowiak***, and ***Sharon Turner***.

The vegetables are just off the truck from Florida and they look so beautiful. The Florida sun really shortened the growing time. The sitting garden with its picnic table and iced tea will remind Show visitors of the best times of summer.

All PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners should be very proud of the exhibit and the imaginative postcard created by ***Anne Vallery***. Come see us there!

Remember the dates are: March 8 - March 15 at the Civic Center.

The hours are:	Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM Monday thru Saturday, 10 AM to 9:30 PM
Admission:	$7.50 for adults $3.75 for children under 12

DEAR FRIENDS:

Ready, set, go... The sun is getting stronger and days are growing longer. But your hands are just itching to be out in the soil. Check out Garden Hints for timely suggestions and stretch yourselves a bit with Get Ready for Gardening.

Call in soon for Harvest Show Challenge Class seeds and bulbs while the supply lasts. And be sure to have us save you a seat at the Garden Management Workshop in April.

Give yourself a full blast of spring at the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 8 - 15. Hope to see you there.

Patricia Schrieber
Education Department Head

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to ***Grace Hagerty*** and the 4H Club at ***Roberto Clemente School.***

The Clemente 4H Club buzzed with excitement recently because of a letter they received from the National Gardening Association awarding them $600 worth of rose bushes, bulbs, seeds, books and especially important, a great assortment of tools. (Grace said they really needed the tools.)

Grace and her kids were one of only 100 gardening projects in the United States given this honor. We think this is terrific!

Requirements for entering this youth gardening grant program were given in last falls newsletters.

GARDEN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Mark Saturday, **April 11**, on your calendars now - the date of the 1987 Garden Management Workshop at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.

The workshop is sponsored by PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING to help gardeners get ready for the growing season. It is also a good time to get to know other gardeners and talk with them about their plans and ideas.

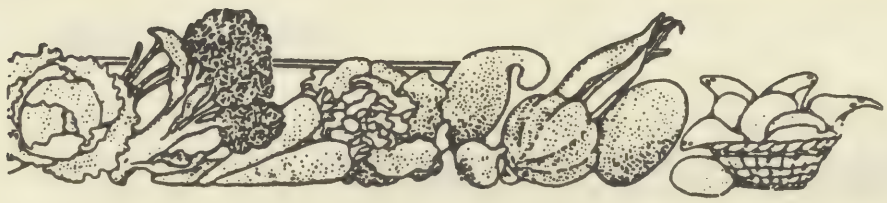
The subjects to be covered in this year's workshop are:

Garden Organization
How to Acquire and Keep Your Garden
Raising Funds
Gardening with Children

Registration is limited. If you have not received a form, call 625-8280 and we will send one to you.

OOPS!

We missed the name of one of the interns in last month's newsletter. She is ***Verline Johnson***..



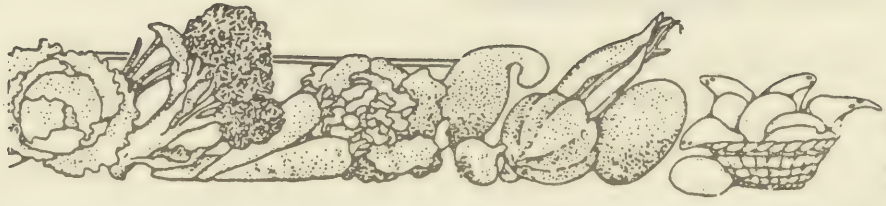
HARVEST SHOW HORN OF PLENTY

Try your luck in the Harvest Show Challenge Classes!

What's a Challenge Class?

All Harvest Show Challenge Class competitors

1) receive the same seeds/bulbs
2) grow them in containers (one plant to a container)
3) Select their best looking one and bring it to the Show at the end of September.



Challenge Varieties:

There's something new in the 1987 Harvest Show Challenge Class. Not only can you try growing seeds, but this year you will have the opportunity to try your luck at growing Caladium bulbs.

"Little Miss Muffet" Caladium. This is a miniature variety, also slow to germinate. Start indoors as soon as possible. These bulbs should be planted in a **3 inch** pot.

"Black Prince Pepper" - a handsome ornamental pepper that should be planted by mid-May.

"Purple Ruffles" - Basil. A 1987 All American Winner that is both an ornamental and an herb. Since this variety tends to take longer for germination, we recommend starting by the end of April.

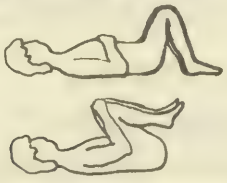
To receive your free seeds and/or bulbs along with some growing tips, call Flossie at 625-8280. Quantities are limited.

GET READY FOR GARDENING

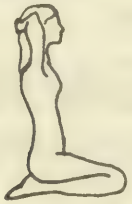
It is March and our minds tell us it is time to start gardening, but our bodies have been out of condition over the winter.

Here are two exercises that will help you prepare for using those out of shape muscles this spring. If you spend a little time each day for two weeks, you will be ready for the gardening season ahead.

For a strong back and stomach muscles needed for carrying tools, hoses and other supplies:



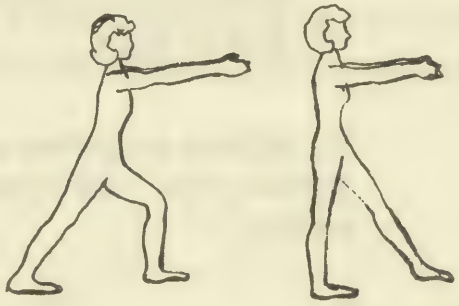
Lie down on your back with your knees bent. Curl up your body and breathe out. Lie back down. Repeat 10 times.



Sit on your heels and roll your shoulders back and forth, up and down and then relax. Repeat 10 times.

For digging, stretching and lifting flexibility is needed:

Fold your hands and hold them straight in front of you. With one foot in front of the other rock forward to shift weight from the back foot to the front foot. Shift your weight back to the back foot. Repeat 10 times. Then change foot position and repeat 10 times.



GARDEN HINTS

This may be the month you first set foot in the garden since last fall. Since soil is so important for a good garden, make sure you are not working it when it is too wet.

If you take a handful of soil and squeeze it and it stays in a ball, it is too wet to work. If it crumbles, like cake, it is ready to work.

You have put alot of time and money into getting the clay and concrete mixed with good organic matter for a growing area - you don't want to break down that soil structure by walking on it.

Broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower can be started indoors in early March so they will be ready for the garden in April.

Many gardeners like to plant their cool-weather vegetables on St. Patrick's Day (March 17). Onions, peas, turnips, spinach and swiss chard will be fine outdoors, even if we have a brief cold spell.

The end of March or beginning of April is a good time to start other seeds indoors. Growing them inside for too long will weaken them and they will not adjust well to the garden.

PENN STATE'S URBAN GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Many people enjoyed attending urban gardening's February workshops. Workshops will continue through March.

WHERE: The Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park

TIME: Saturdays, 9AM to 11 AM

SCHEDULE: March 7 - "10 Years of Urban Gardening". Questions and Adventures. This will be an anniversary celebration.

March 21 - "Edible Landscaping and Intensive Gardening"

March 28 - "Water, Cool Clear Water". Low cost irrigation systems.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN RECEIVES MAJOR AWARD

"I am proud of every one of our gardeners and our staff for receiving the 1987 Award for Urban Design Excellence," said **Blaine Bonham**, Director of PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

The **Foundation for Architecture** awarded its first grand prize to PHILADELPHIA GREEN *'for demonstrating an exceptional commitment to design excellence and community programs in this city and the region."*

DEAR FRIENDS:

No more promises. It's definitely here, the real thing - SPRING! and the Junior Flower Show is the place to celebrate, April 23rd through 25th.

We hope you have time to come out for our Spring Gardening Activities - for new ideas to try out in your garden this year.

Besides the 1987 City Gardens Contest, which we would love you to enter, there's another national contest being sponsored by the the National Brick Distributors. Check it out.

The first-ever National Garden Week is set for April 12th through 18th. So get out there and have a great one!

Patricia Schrieber
Education Department Head

IT WAS WONDERFUL

From the comments made by Flower Show visitors about the PHILADELPHIA GREEN exhibit, ***"Iced Tea at Gray's Ferry,"*** they all think that city gardeners are great!

Thanks to the members of the Flower Show Committee and the many volunteers who answered questions and handed out nose cards during the week of the Show.

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

It's Spring! A perfect theme for the first spring-time Junior Flower Show.

DATES & TIMES:	Thursday, April 23	1-5 PM
	Friday, April 24	9-5 PM
	Saturday, April 25	10-2PM

PLACE: First Bank of the United States
3rd St. between Chesnut and Walnut

We invite you to attend this free show and to bring your children, grandchildren, students, and young friends. There will be entertainment on Friday and Saturday. As part of the fun, children can pot up a coleus plant to take home.

For more information, call **Anne Vallery**, Junior Show Manager, at 625-8280.

CLEAN-UP RALLY

Calling all Block Captains! The mayor's clean-up rally is set for Saturday, April 25th at the Civic Center's Pennsylvania Hall, noon to 2:00 PM.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN Staff members will be on hand with the Gardenmobile to give out free seeds and gardening tips. Stop by and see us.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Attention City Gardeners! Now is the time to enter your home garden, your city block or your community garden in this year's City Gardens Contest. Many prizes will be awarded. We hope you can join us

- as a contestant
- as a judge

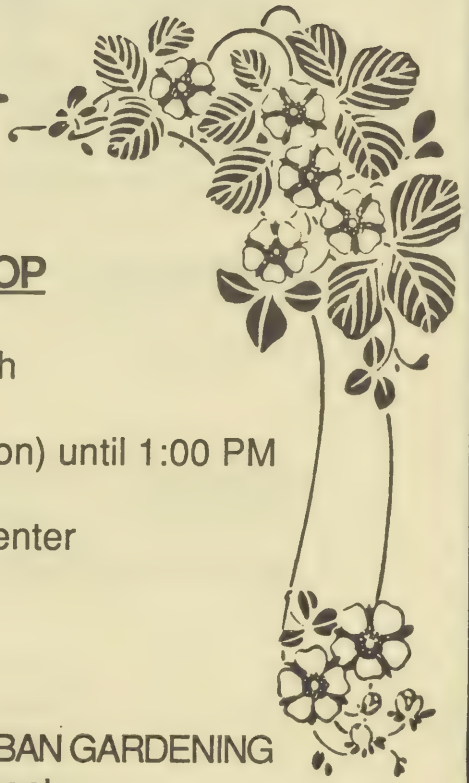
Entry forms and judges' applications will be mailed in late April.

For more information, call **Flossie Narducci**, Contest Coordinator at 625-8280.

PLANT AND GARDEN SUPPLIES SALE

We hope you will want to take part in our Spring Sale the week of May 11th. Here is a chance to buy flowers, vegetables, and garden supplies at reasonable prices to get your gardens going and growing.

Look for order forms in the mail or call **Flossie Narducci**, 625-8280, for more information.



GARDEN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

DATE: Saturday, April 11th

TIME: 8:30 AM (registration) until 1:00 PM

PLACE: The Horticulture Center
Fairmount Park

FEE: $1.00

PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING program will again co-host this annual event.

This is a very popular workshop with gardeners because it gives everyone a chance to talk to other gardeners, share ideas, and solve problems that will make their gardening even more successful this season.

Come and join us on April 11. For more information call **Betty Tyler**, 625-8280.

AMATEUR LANDSCAPING CONTEST

The National Association of Brick Distributors and the American Society of Landscape Architects announces a contest for amateur landscapers.

CATEGORIES:
Garden and Planted Areas
Outdoor Activities
Driveways
Walkways

DEADLINE: April 30th

For more information call: 1-800-466-3247 or write:

Landscape Contest
Suite 210
1825 K Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

The week of April 12-18 has been proclaimed National Garden Week. This is the first year gardening has had such a focus and shows how important it is in the United States.

The national Junior Horticultural Association is having a poster contest. The winner will be used as the poster to celebrate National Gardening Week next year.

For more information call **Betty Tyler**, 625-8280.

ANOTHER WINNER

We just heard about another winner in the National Gardening Association's Youth Gardening Contest.

The **Woodstock Civic Association's** youth garden at Stella and Woodstock Streets won $600 worth of gardening supplies.

Sewalla Bellamy has been working with 20 children ages 2-17 for several years and decided it was time to enter the garden in the contest. Congratulations!

THE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL FUND

Free seeds are available to schools, churches, libraries, senior centers, and civic groups. The seeds are from 1986 stock but still will produce healthy plants.

Postage is $4.95 for the first 50 packets. For more information, write or phone:

America the Beautiful Fund
219 Shoreham Building
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: (202) 638-1649

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome **Lynne Westfield** to the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff. She will be the Greene Countrie Towne coordinator for Francisville and West Shore.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN SPRING GARDENING ACTIVITIES

APRIL THROUGH JUNE

APRIL 7
Tuesday

Tips on Making Gardening Easy

Tire cold frames, homemade seed strips and mulching materials are some of the ideas we will share with you.

Place: Haddington Library,
65th & Girard Avenue

Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

A Doorprize will be given

APRIL 11
Saturday

Garden Management

Fundraising, garden organization, gardening with kids, and keeping your gardening site safe from development will be the topics we will talk about.

Place: Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park

Time: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Free seeds to all who come

APRIL 29
Wednesday

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Place: Belmont Improvement Association,
812 N 41st Street

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

A Doorprize will be given

MAY 9
Saturday

Perennials

Find out about flowers that grow in the city and will come back year after year.

Place: PHILADELPHIA GREEN Classroom
325 Chestnut Street, 8th Floor

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Perennials will be given as a doorprize

MAY 30
Saturday

Fruit

See what fruit trees, brambles and plants can be grown in city gardens.

Place: 18th & Glenwood Avenue Garden

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Grape vines will be given as doorprizes

JUNE 6
Saturday

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WHAT'S BEHIND CURTAIN #1

IS IT?

a chance to win a door prize

a 10% discount certificate from a popular Southwest Philadelphia Garden Center

a rare and unusual plant or seed

COME JOIN US AND FIND OUT!

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REMINDER...

PLANT AND GARDEN SUPPLY SALE
PICK-UP

DATES: Wednesday, May 13th
(North Philadelphia Groups)

Thursday, May 14th
(Northwest, West and South Philadelphia Groups)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Horticulture Center
Fairmount Park

PRE-PAID ORDERS ONLY.

DEAR FRIENDS:

True to form, the April showers came and the May flowers are about to burst on the scene. I can just picture all of you out there, turning over the soil to get ready for the flowers and vegetables you pre-ordered from the Plant and Garden Supplies Sale.

We're looking forward to a great spring into summer season here at PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Hope you all send in your entries for the City Gardens Contest and come out to the classes and demonstrations we've scheduled through May and June.

Great gardening to you all!

Patricia Schreiber
Manager, Education Department

PHILADELPHIA GREEN GARDEN ASSISTANTS

PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners are seeing some new faces among the familiar garden assistants this year.

Angeline Boyer is working with **Jeannine Vannais** in Point Breeze.

Deborah Hall will assist **Juanita Wooten** with the Philadelphia Housing Authority sites.

George Ropars is the garden assistant working with **Lynne Westfield** in Francisville and West Shore.

Returning from last year are:

Gwen Rapley	-	Susquehanna
Winfred Young	-	District I
Percy Newsome	-	District II

TWO SPECIAL GARDENS

PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff members, **Barbara Wagner, Ana Santiago** and **Winfred Young** will be working with the **ILE-IFE Center in North Philadelphia** to develop their cross cultural neighborhood garden.

Arthur Hall, founder and director of the center, hopes the garden and the center will transform the neighborhood into an African village and artist's colony.

The second project is helping neighbors in **Fishtown** landscape the **Cpl. Charles J. Glenn, 3rd, United States Marine Corps Memorial Garden,** dedicated to the men and women of Fishtown who served in Vietnam.

The memorial was erected in 1967, making it one of the first Vietnam memorials.

Over the years, the stone sunk because it was on the site of a house that was torn down.

The neighbors later raised money to repair and clean the stone memorial and put it on a concrete base. They also put up a fence and rededicated the memorial last summer.

This year, **John Lonergan, Joyce Winfelder** and other committee members want to make a garden with plants,like bamboo, that would make it look like the Vietnam area.

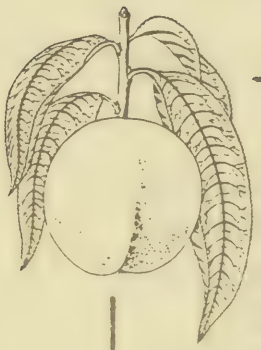
These two gardens are very special and show the many ways neighbors can make Philadelphia Green.

FRUIT IN THE GARDEN

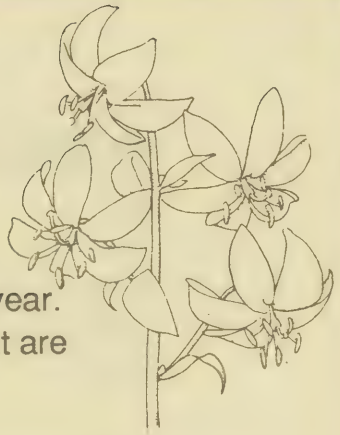
Something new to add to your garden this spring is fruit.

How nice it would be to have your own plants, bushes or trees in the garden, even if you only have a small space.

Strawberries can be grown as a ground cover or in containers. Blackberries and elderberries make nice hedges. Grapes grow up, not out, so they are good plants for small city gardens. Apple and peach trees love growing in the city.



If you have questions about what kinds of fruit grow well in Philadelphia, how to plant them and whether vandalism is a problem, join **Sally McCabe** and **Jeff Myers** on May 30, 11 AM to 1 PM at the 18th and Glenwood Community Garden for a fruit workshop and take a chance on winning a doorprize.



PERENNIALS

A perennial is any flower that blooms year after year. Daylilies, iris and chrysanthemums are some that are grown all over the city.

To start a perennial bed, mix in a lot of compost so you don't have to work the soil again for a long time. The compost improves heavy clay soils and lets moisture and oxygen reach the roots.

Once perennials start growing, they spread fast, so many gardeners are able to divide the plants and share them with other gardeners.

Learn more about these wonderful plants Saturday, May 9, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Classroom, 325 Chestnut Street, 8th floor. **Patricia Schrieber** and other community gardeners will introduce you to some of their favorites. Doorprizes will be awarded.

FERTILIZING

It is finally time to plant all those tomatoes, melons, squash and eggplant seeds and seedlings. This is also a good time to fertilize those plants to give them a healthy start.

Commercial fertilizers contain three things necessary for stong plants.

> Nitrogen makes nice green leaves and is important for any of the leafy vegetables and non-flowering plants like lettuce, collards, spinach and coleus.
>
> Phosphorus helps plants flower and develop strong root systems. Zinnias, marigolds, petunias and any young transplants need phosphorus.
>
> Potassium in the fertilizer mix will give the plants general strength.

Be sure to read the instructions for using the fertilizers - they come in many different forms. If you have any questions, call your PHILADELPHIA GREEN coordinator at 625-8280.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

ATTENTION CITY GARDENERS!

Do you have a front or backyard flower or vegetable garden? a community garden? a block with window boxes or sidewalk planters?

Win prizes for your gardening efforts

1st Prize - $50
2nd Prize - $25
3rd Prize - $10 gift certificate from Burpee Seeds

For further information call 625-8280.

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST - ENTRY BLANK

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____ZIP_____
(contestant must live in Philadelphia)

ADDRESS OF GARDEN_____
(if other than above)

HOME PHONE_____ WORK PHONE_____

Mail to:

City Gardens Contest
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

I/We want to enter the following

INDIVIDUAL GARDENS (Circle one class):
1. Individual Vegetable Garden
2. Individual Flower Garden
3. Combination Veg/Flower - about 50/50
4. Individual Container Garden
5. Child's Garden

COMMUNITY GARDENS:
1. Community Vegetable Garden
2. Community Flower/Sitting Garden
3. Combination Veg/Flower - about 50/50
4. Children's Garden
5. Garden Block with Window Boxes and Sidewalk Planters
6. "The Greenest Block In Town" - street trees/front yards

DEADLINE - JUNE 10TH

"WANTED"

We need you to serve as a judge in the City Gardens Contest. Your experience at gardening in the city makes you a perfect choice.

Call **Flossie**, 625-8280, for more information.

SHARE WITH A NEIGHBOR

You may be the only person on your block, or in your garden, to receive the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Newsletter.

Please remember to pass it on to others.

Thank you.

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BIGGER THAN BULB BONANZA!

PHILADELPHIA GREEN is very lucky to have the **W. Atlee Burpee Company** as a good friend.

The bulbs we all enjoyed seeing around the city this spring have been replaced by thousands of luscious vegetable plants and colorful flowers generously supplied to our gardeners by Burpees.

Burpee Seeds

DEAR FRIENDS,

I love to hear stories about gardening surprises. How about you?

Willie Mae Bullock and friends at ***"Hope Springs"*** have been tending a Scotch Broom shrub for the past five years. It's a great plant, resists drought and disease, and has beautiful yellow flowers in spring. Last year, the gardeners decided to sow some seed to grow inside over winter. Everyone cheered when the seeds sprouted. Now they tell me that some seeds sprouted on their own out in the garden. Guess nature didn't want to be outsmarted.

Have a great month! Patricia Schriebe

GARDEN INTERNS ON THE MOVE

The 1987 class of garden interns has finished its formal training and started working on lotscapes and garden blocks. These trained interns will also be out this summer, meeting with gardeners and answering gardening questions.

They are assigned as follows:

District I

Verlene Johnson
Betty Lambert

District II

Angenette Milbourne
Lillian Gerrick

PHA

Danny Smith

GCT

Melinda Johnson
Charles Ramsey
James Wright

NEW STAFF

Peter Grove long time friend of PHILADELPHIA GREEN, and former director of the Norris Square Neighborhood Project, has joined the PG staff for the summer.

Peter will be working with the new Tree Corps project (see following article) and will be training new crew supervisors for the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network.

1987 TREE CORPS

PHILADELPHIA GREEN is once again gearing up to teach Philadelphia residents about the benefits and care of Street Trees. Peter Grove, part-time coordinator of the Tree Corps, will be conducting a 3-session course on trees in the city, including the many benefits of having trees, some of the problems trees encounter, and what residents can do to help their trees stay healthy.

During the summer, Peter and his Tree Corps Assistants will also be distributing care tips and other materials to tree "owners," as well as leading workshops.

If you are interested in more information on how to care for your tree(s), call Peter at 625-8280.

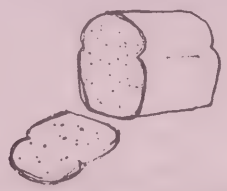
HARVEST SHOW
HORN OF PLENTY

1987 BAKED GOODS CLASS

A Fruit Pie

If you grow raspberries, strawberries, apples, pears, cherries, plums, or any other fruit, freeze some when they are ripe. In September, you can make your family favorite and win a ribbon at the Harvest Show

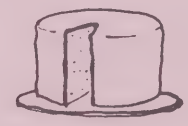
An Herb Bread



Herbs (like thyme, rosemary, dill) added to a bread recipe can make a gourmet delight.

Remember - this entry must be YEAST - RAISED.

A Vegetable Cake



Bake a cake that will satisfy any sweet tooth and use up those extra zucchini, carrots, or beets from your garden.

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Be a judge -

Here's your chance to see how others garden in the city. Call 625-8280 and volunteer. We're hosting an orientation for judges on **Monday, June 22nd** at ***10AM*** *at the Horticulture Center* in Fairmount Park ***and 6 PM*** *at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society*, 325 Walnut Street. Whether you're a new or experienced judge, come join us and learn what's new with the 1987 City Gardens Contest.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Anna Davis and the gardeners at **25th and Reed**, **Alta Felton** and the gardeners at **25th and Dickinson**, **Josephine Jackson** and the gardeners at **25th and Tasker** all have something in common - they've just finished installing their new garden watering systems.

At each site PVC pipe was laid along the paths with double faucets spaced throughout the garden. By turning on the hydrant 8 gardeners can water or fill barrels at one time.

This project was easy to add and relatively inexpensive. If your garden is interested and you want more information, call your PHILADELPHIA GREEN coordinator at 625-8280.

MARIGOLDS - BRIGHT AND CHEERY

Marigolds are one of the three most popular annuals grown in the United States. It was one of the finalists for national flower, until the Rose was chosen last fall.

This year, the National Garden Bureau, which represents the garden seed industry has named 1987 the Year of the Marigold.

Marigolds look wonderful in flower beds, vegetable gardens and containers. They are bright and cheery, easy to grow from seed, resistant to most diseases - Some people even say they repel nematodes and other worms.

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NEW SPRING PROJECTS

DISTRICT II

6100 Ellsworth
6100 Irving
1400 S 53rd
2500 Federal
2600 Sears
5000 Chancellor
Unit Block of N Conestoga
600 Jackson
800 N 49th
2400 S 4th
4100 Parkside
900 Daly
6200 Ellsworth
Unit Block N 61st
Unit Block N 59th
Unit Block N 54th
5000 Block of Pine
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900 Block of S 60th

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OUR STREET TREES NEED HELP!

JOIN THE CRUSADE!

Become a part of Philadelphia's volunteer Tree Corps

Learn what you can do to help the trees in your neighborhood stay healty!

In this free, hands-on, fun, 3-session course, offered by PHILADELPHIA GREEN, you will learn how:

* new trees should be planted
* to care for young trees
* to recognize early signs of failure
* to prevent the most common causes of death
* to prune
* to go about getting new trees
* to get a dead one removed

DATES: June 30th July 7th July 14th

TIME : 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

WHERE : PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office
325 Chestnut Street, 8th Floor

Upon completion of the course each participant will receive quality pruning tools and will become a part of the volunteer Tree Corps.

All Tree Corps volunteers will be provided with flyers to distribute in their neighborhoods to carry out the crusade for trees!

REGISTER NOW! Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. If you have any questions call Peter Grove or Anne Vallery at 625-8280. Return registration form (by June 19th) to:

Peter Grove, PHS
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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Yes, I want to learn more about trees and carry on the crusade!

NAME_____PHONE_____

ADDRESS_____ZIP CODE_____

A CAPITAL IDEA!

Join us for a Trip to
Our Nation's Capitol
- Washington, DC -

DATE: Friday, June 19, 1987

TIME: Departure - 6:45 AM from PHS, 325 Walnut Street

Returning - approximately 7:30 PM

DESTINATION: Smithsonian Institute for a special exhibit - *"Great Migration"* of Black Americans from the rural South to the urban North.

And the National Arboretum - Herb Garden

COST: $12.50 per person includes box dinner at the National Arboretum

Lunch - bring your own or purchase fast foods from refreshment stands.

Reservations limited to 2 per garden contact person.

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Please reserve _____ seat(s) at $12.50 each.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE #_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED$_____

DEADLINE - JUNE 12

Make check or money order payable to PHS

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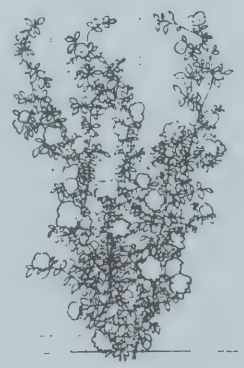
LIFE IS ROSEY IN WEST PHILADELPHIA

Denise Jefferson, District coordinator for West Philadelphia, wanted to try something new for two blocks that are already part of the street tree program.

Because both the 900 block of S 60th Street and the 500 block of S 55th Street have many front yards, Denise and the residents decided roses would look beautiful and would tie each block together.

The neighbors with front yards put up trellises and beautiful climbing roses. Those without yards planted shrub roses in wine barrels.



These blocks are very proud of their work and so are we. They look beautiful!

DEAR FRIENDS:

Summer's in full swing! We've been hearing how wonderful everyone's gardens are doing, how great the shade from the trees is, how beautiful the flowers are growing along the streets. Keep up the great gardening.

Patricia Schreiber

Manager, Education Department

WATERING YOUR GARDEN

It's time to talk again about watering your garden.

Plants need an inch of water a week. It is better to water for a long time, thoroughly soaking the soil, than to water a little every day. Deep watering will keep the roots growing deeper into the soil and prevents them from drying out.

One of the best buys you can make is a soaker hose, allowing a slow even way to get water to the roots. This hose either sweats all over its surface, or has tiny holes throughout its length. You can water anytime with a soaker hose because the leaves will not get wet. If the leaves are wet, pests that like moist leaves will do their damage. Watering with a regular hose often wastes water since it directs most ot the water to the leaves or is evaporated into the air.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

The Judges are coming!
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The secret to a winning garden is to keep it well-groomed, fresh-looking, green and productive. Keep after those weeds. Deadhead those flowers. And keep those fingers and green thumbs crossed. You'll want the judges to come back in August for final judging.

HARVEST SHOW HORN OF PLENTY

Now's the time to take advantage of good supplies of seasonal fruits. If you preserve summer fruits or berries, be sure to bring them to the Harvest Show.

WHAT'S WHAT

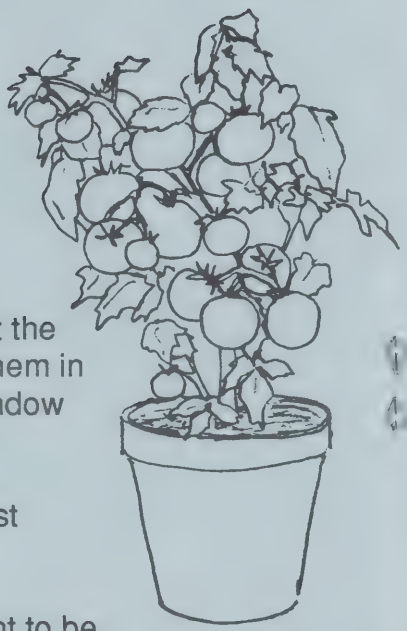
JAM is made from crushed fruit.

JELLY is made from fruit juice.

PRESERVES are made with whole or large pieces of fruit.

CONSERVE is made with two or more fruits as well as raisins and/or nuts.

MARMALADE is made with small pieces of fruit suspended in clear, tender jelly and usually contains citrus.



PLANT OF THE MONTH - TOMATO

Tomatoes are the most popular vegetables grown throughout the United States. Even people who don't have a garden grow them in containers. Some smaller varieties can even be grown in window boxes.

Why do people grow tomatoes? Taste mostly. Eating the first tomato of the season is always a pleasure!

It's hard to imagine that for a long time tomatoes were thought to be poisonous so they were grown for their beauty but never eaten.

Many present-day gardeners are concerned about the problems they have with tomatoes. The most common are:

Blossom-End Rot

Scars appear on the blossom end of the tomato and sink into the fruit. This is very common in the city because it occurs during high growth and when the supply of moisture is not even. This affects the plants calcium level.

To control, add calcium when planting and try to keep the soil evenly moist (mulching will help).

Catface/Cracking

Cracking around the stem end of the tomato and around the blossom end happens in periods of fast growth and high temperatures and a lot of rain, very hot periods, and/or fruit growing during a drought, followed by heavy watering or rain. It is hard to control these factors.

Sunscald

White, shiny blistered areas result if the gardenerspruning a disease does not leave enough foliage to cover the tomatoes. Make sure your tomatoes are shaded.

Cutworms

These are gray, brown or black and only feed at night, cutting stems or making holes in leaves.

To control, place a bottomless paper or styrofoam cup around a plant, pushing it 2" into the soil.

Also try Bacellus thurengensis (BT), a natural control you can buy at gardening supply stores. BT also works on tomato hornworms.

REUNION TIME

Are you from South Carolina or would you like to meet people who are?

Blanche Epps has discovered that many of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN community gardeners are from her home state and decided to host a ***"South Carolina Covered Dish Day"*** on Tuesday, July 14th from 10 AM until 3 PM.

She asks community gardeners to bring their favorite dish, old hometown gossip and a recipe from down home to the Garden of Gethsemane, at Pearl and Conestoga.

If you would like to join in the fun call Blanche at 727-8903.

THANK YOU

PHILADELPHIA GREEN would like to thank **John F. White, Sr.** and his community outreach program, ***"Operation Blessing"*** for the tons of fertilizer and the vegetable and flower seeds which were donated.

Mr. White, Assistant Manager of the Community Intervention program, and a gardener too, helped us by sharing this bounty with our gardeners.

SPRING GARDENING PROJECTS

DISTRICT II

GARDEN BLOCKS

6100 Ellsworth
6100 Irving
1400 S 53rd
2400 S 4th
4100 Parkside
5000 Chancellor
Unit Blk N Conestoga
600 Jackson
800 N 49th
2500 Federal
5000 Blk Pine
2600 Sears
6200 Ellsworth
Unit Blk N 61st
Unit Blk N 59th
Unit Blk N 54th
5000 Blk Spruce
900 Daly
900 Blk S 60th

NEW LOTSCAPES

524-26 Cantrell
5435 Woodland
1600 Dover
4816 Baltimore
5219-21 W Girard
906 S 19th
800 N 49th

IMPROVED LOTSCAPES

49th & Aspen
1100 N 41st
55th & Pearl
4200 Viola
7th & Emily
43rd & Baltimore

DISTRICT I

LOTSCAPES

3600 N 9th
1900 Orthodox
3901 N 13th
2915 Sedgley
3200 Clifford
1101 Marlborough
1728 Seybert
2310 N 25th
2544 Germantown

HOMEMADE BUG SPRAY

6 Cloves Garlic
1 T dried Hot Pepper
1 Gallon hot water
1 Onion
1 tsp pure soap - like Ivory - not detergent!

Blend ingredients. Let stand for a day. Strain and put in a sprayer.

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